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OVER 5K SEEK ASSISTANCE UNDER NAP'S DISASTER PROGRAM

Kilili: Hundreds being turned away

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Households seeking assistance from Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Nutritional Assistance Program have increased to over 5,000 last weekend.

As per data released Friday, NAP director Walter Macaranas said they were able to issue benefits to 454 households last Thursday in the amount of $148,152 under the disaster program.

NAP's disaster program is for non-NAP recipients who are qualified following the eligibility test.

Macaranas said they are exceeding their 250 goal of applicants per day for the Disaster Program as they also have a separate line for individuals with special needs.

"Households are declaring their disaster expenses. Because of the significant devastation of most homes on Saipan, many were being determined qualified for assistance due to the significant disaster expenses their households incurred and expected to be incurred between Aug. 1 to 31, 2015," Macaranas said.

Under the supplemental program, NAP issued benefits to 338 ongoing NAP households in the amount of $46,872 last Thursday. An additional 252 households were assisted last Friday.

"The NAP is meeting the needs of the community based on the current income guidelines used to determine eligibility for residents of the CNMI affected by Typhoon Soudelor," Macaranas said.

NAP added that as of Thursday, only three households were denied eligibility.

'Hundreds being denied'

However, citing eligibility guidelines, Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) said in a letter to Gov. Eloy S. Inos that "hundreds of people who desperately need food assis-

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CUC board nearly breaks hiring law

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» Taitano tells Riegel who to hire

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board directed utility executives to hire Velma Palacios to the position of deputy director of electric systems—but changed their minds after hearing challenges from management over this person's qualifications, and the legality of the board's directive to tell the utility whom to hire.

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US military's relief mission ends

A member of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit fills up a 5-gallon water bottle during their last day on Saipan. Their mission to provide potable water and help with the typhoon relief efforts on island ended last Saturday. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

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The USS *Ashland* is on its way back to its home port in Okinawa, Japan, after Marines and sailors with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit completed their typhoon relief mission on Saipan last Saturday.

At a press conference at the Garapan Fishing Base where the 31st MEU were producing and distributing water, Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres expressed his appreciation for their help as the island recovers from the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor.

"We're going to miss you guys and the services you've provided. We thank you very much," Torres said.

The Marines were earlier set to

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Financial assistance climbs to nearly $2M

Financial assistance for those affected by Typhoon Soudelor has reached $1.9 million for individual households.

As of Friday, registrants for assistance has reached more than 7,000, said Stephen DeBlasio, federal coordinating officer of the Federal Emergency Management Assistance.

Other forms of assistance included 71,000 meals and 1,794 tarpaulins distributed so far to typhoon survivors, he added. FEMA said as of Thursday, inspections had been completed for 670 households.

Visitors to the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center have totaled 1,123 so far. ***(Joel D. Pinaroc)***

From left, Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander, Joint Region Marianas and U.S. Pacific Command's Defense Representative for CNMI; Stephen DeBlasio, FEMA federal coordinating officer; and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres discuss ongoing recovery efforts in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor. JOEL PINAROC

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Local

Pump prices fall 20 cents

Saipan residents still reeling from Typhoon Soudelor got welcome news last weekend as pump prices on the island fell 20 cents.

However, there are only two types of fuel being served—regular gasoline and diesel—at all service stations of Shell Marianas and Mobil Oil Marianas Inc.

Prices went down last Friday on Saipan for Mobil first. Regular gas went down from $4.21 to $4.01, while diesel decreased from $4.57 to $4.37. Shell followed shortly after with the same prices.

Mobil earlier said that new fuel shipments had been delivered.

Charles Ewart, president of Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, informed *Saipan Tribune* earlier that there might be a decrease in gas prices with the new shipment of fuel coming in last week.

The reason for gas price changes was due to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. not fully utilizing gas for its power plants. So far only Power Plant 4, which provides power to the Commonwealth Health Center, has been utilized.

With the shipment of new fuel, Ewart said Saipan could probably have too much fuel on hand.

Historically, Tinian and Rota gas prices follow an increase and decrease in prices on Saipan. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

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Tourism Topics

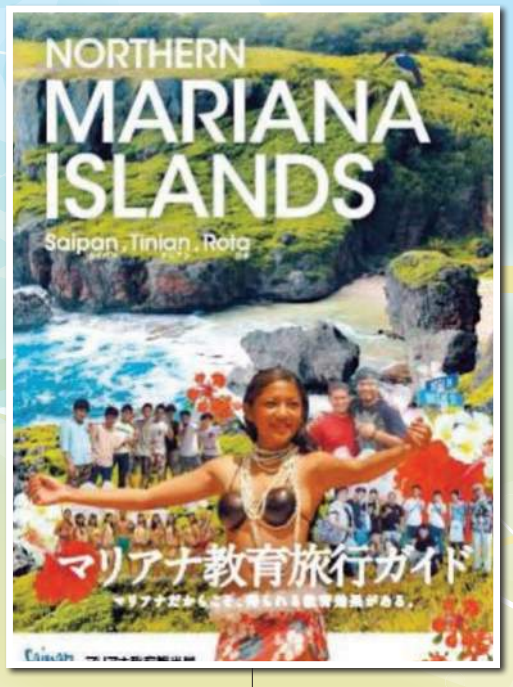
A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority

Tourism is everybody's business.

New School Market Guidebook

As the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) continues to receive school trips from off-island and host cultural exchange programs, the **Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA)** has recently revised its educational school trip guidebook in Japan.

The update includes 16 pages of information in full-color, and 3,000 copies have been printed for distribution. The guidebook also include interviews with three Japanese school on their travel programs: **Hiroshima Johoku High School**, **Shonan Institute of Technology High School**, and **Nihon University**. The guidebook will be distributed to school teachers and travel agency sales staff.



The MVA also participated in the **Hiroshima Overseas School Trip Seminar** organized by Hiroshima prefecture's **Airport Promotion Division** on July 30, 2015. The MVA made a presentation on the five best selling points of the NMI for schools trips and played a movie that Hiroshima Johoku High School produced after their school excursion to the NMI last year.

Saipan Tinian Rota

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DFS acts fast to assist typhoon victims on Saipan

HONG KONG—Duty free travel retailer DFS Group was among the first companies on Saipan to mobilize aid in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

In the first 48 hours of the storm's passing, DFS set aside an initial donation of $50,000 to the CNMI Chapter of the American Red Cross to support immediate recovery efforts on the island. At the same time, having confirmed the safety of all of its employees and their families, the company took steps to establish its T Galleria store on Beach Road, Garapan, as a relief site for staff and local residents.

"Thankfully our store was not damaged in the typhoon, and because it has its own generator and water supply we immediately set up a charging station for local residents to charge their electronic devices, and let our employees know that they could use the facilities to shower," said Marian Aldan-Pierce, DFS Saipan Division president. "When it became clear that water and electricity were going to be impacted across the island for some time, we installed four washing machines and three dryers on the roof for employees to clean and dry their clothes."

DFS then implemented a water provisioning schedule, providing every employee and business partners in the DFS building an allowance of five gallons of drinking water daily.

DFS people around the world were also quick to offer their help to affected people on Saipan. In response, the company set up an online fundraising website and has committed to match all employee donations, targeting to raise $100,000.

In the weeks following the typhoon, DFS has continued to make contributions to recovery efforts, bringing in essential equipment to help local residents repair and rebuild their homes. The company has shipped generators, chainsaws, tents, air mattresses, portable power supply units, fuel containers, heavy-duty extension cords and other supplies and is making them available for sale, excluding shipping costs.

"DFS is proud to have been part of the Saipan community for over 40 years," said Aldan-Pierce. "We are an international company, but we are also a local business and Saipan is home to many of us. We are committed to doing everything we can to help the island recover from Typhoon Soudelor as quickly as possible."

DFS first began operations on Saipan in 1976. The company employs over 200 people across two outlets at Saipan International Airport and at T Galleria by DFS on Beach Road. ***(DFS)***

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CUC employee gets 1 day sentence for stealing wire from CUC's warehouse

A Commonwealth Utilities Corp. employee accused of stealing 3 feet of cable wire from a CUC warehouse in April pleaded guilty on Thursday and was slapped with a one-day prison term.

Juan F. Rabauliman, 58, pleaded guilty to theft as part of a plea deal.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Rabauliman to the maximum of 90 days imprisonment, all suspended except for one day, with credit for one day of time served. He was placed on six months of supervised probation and required to perform 40 hours of community service, which may be converted to fines.

Rabauliman stole a 3-foot triplex #6 wire worth less than $250 from the CUC warehouse on April 10, 2015. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Tinian, Rota public schools will open Tuesday

All public schools on Tinian and Rota will reopen tomorrow, Aug. 25, for over a thousand returning and new students and newly hired principal, classroom teachers, and counselors for the new school year.

For all of Saipan's public elementary, middle, and high school campuses, the impact of Typhoon Soudelor has changed the school calendar and school year opening. The school district's leadership will announce soon the reopening for Saipan for school year 2015-2016.

"The recent storm may have devastated the island of Saipan but we prevailed at the end as we move forward rebuilding our lives, our homes, and our schools to welcome everyone back to PSS," Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan said. ***(PSS)***

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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Instead, the board voted to direct management to hire the "most qualified person" as recommended by their Human Resources.

CUC management has concerns, though, that there is no need for such a position. They also assert there was never a recommendation from human resources communicated to them in person or in writing.

Management says the two candidates considered for the job failed to meet job qualifications.

Saipan Tribune learned of "significant differences" among the four-member panel set up to rate candidates interviewed for this position. However, the exact scores and who did the rating is kept confidential.

It was also not made immediately clear by the board last Friday if this Velma Palacios is also IT&E's manager of engineering, and the same person who sat on the CUC board over 10 years ago with current board member Joe Torres. That board was dissolved.

The directive to hire Palacios was made by board member Albert A. Taitano. He chairs the personnel subcommittee.

On Friday, Taitano restated a motion from their July 31 personnel committee meeting to "recommend to management and the full board to hire a Velma Palacios to position of deputy director of power."

"I would like to motion and rescind the word 'recommend' to replace it with the word 'direct' and I would like to motion to direct management to hire Velma for the position of director of deputy director of power."

This was later clarified to state to deputy director of "electric systems." Taitano's motion was seconded.

Board counsel James Sirok, however, repeatedly suggested that they go into executive, or closed-door session, as they were dealing with a specific individual to hire.

"If there is going to be some discussion about whether or not management feels that she's qualified for this position, we should probably do that in executive session," he said.

To this point, Torres asked Sirok point blank if he was "sitting on our side or the management's side?"

Sirok said neither. He said he was trying to protect the interest of Velma Palacios.

Board members chose to continue discussion in open meeting, citing that the matter was already discussed in their committee meetings.

Management objects

During the ensuing discussion, acting CUC executive director John Riegel and other management officials objected to the need for the position, and whether this person meets minimum qualification levels.

At one point, the management's "challenges" to the board prompted Torres to say there was "discriminatory" practice in CUC against hiring locals.

Riegel assured the board that his recommendation has nothing to do with that.

"I'd like to move on [and vote]," Torres said at one point. "We haven't seen any of our products here. We have a lot of our local products that would be able to help in this corporation."

Riegel told board members he looked at the need for the position at all and its history and based on that, CUC did not need that position under the current structure they have.

The electrical systems position was created in the late 2000s to repair Power Plant 1.

He also said the decision who to hire lies with him and that's where the selection should rest.

Riegel said that from his conversations with power managers, it didn't seem like the "need was there."

"We are creating like another level [of management], in a time we are trying to save our money," Riegel told the board.

Torres and Taitano, though, said managers need more support, giving the example of an "apprenticeship program" that has not moved since the board voted for one.

Chief financial officer Matthew Yaquinto, who has lived in six countries and worked in 10, said utilities their size usually do not have the position for electrical systems.

He said for a small utility, there would be a power manager for generation and a power manager for transmission and distribution.

"…So I don't think there is a need for that position here and I am with John there. I agree with John also that we have policies in place for hiring, and if there is a directive given to John just to hire" then they are violating some of their HR policies.

According to Riegel, the Human Resources file he was given said "no recommendation."

"It was, 'action needs to be taken on this," he said.

"We had two [ratings] that are strongly in favor, and two that are strongly opposed. My recommendation is to reconvene that [selecting] body," Riegel said.

Yaqunito explained that under the rating sheets, the two candidates had to meet a "certain level," noting that it was Human Resources who determined this level.

"And neither candidate was above that level," Yaquinto told the board.

Breaking mandates?

Before speaking again, Sirok said he wanted to be absolutely clear that he was not taking side.

"My concern is not directed to the individual that is going to be put in the position, but a precedent that we may be setting—and that's the board directing management to hire a certain named individual.

"This particular position is a director position. The law—our enabling statute, not the bylaws—says that the executive director may hire assistant directors to be in charge of one or more divisions in the corporation."

He said for the executive director's authority, the relevant statute states that the executive director can hire such employees as the board may delegate the power to do so.

He said he understood that to say that the board can tell the director to hire a deputy in charge of power.

"But you don't say hire a Mr. A, Mr. B, Ms. C, Ms. D or E—because then you are involved in the hiring process, which is supposed to be a management position."

"That's just the note I want to make, that's just how I interpret this particular provision in the law," Sirok said.

Taitano amended his motion to remove Velma Palacios and insert the "most qualified person" as recommended by their Human Resources.

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tance—and who should be qualified for such aid in this state of disaster—are being denied by the Nutritional Assistance Program."

According to Sablan, the Food and Nutrition Service has authorized the government to open up eligibility for food stamps to any household in the Northern Marianas with an income up to four times the normal income required to receive food stamps.

He said that this increased eligibility means that, for instance, a household of four with a monthly income less than $3,732 should be eligible for assistance.

In contrast, under the current income guidelines that NAP uses for the disaster program, a family of four has to have a monthly income less than $933 to qualify.

"The Food and Nutrition Service has informed me, however, that the Commonwealth government has decided not to increase income eligibility and that only those households that meet the normal NAP income guidelines are being given emergency food stamps. As a result, people in need are being turned away," Sablan added.

Sablan also pointed out that the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized government to spend all of the $3.5 million in surplus food stamp funds that they were granted for fiscal 2015.

"You have the money. You have the authority. And here we are over two weeks after the typhoon struck and so many of our people are hungry," Sablan said.

In an interview, Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said they have been addressing this issue almost three weeks ago even before Sablan's letter came out.

"There's continued talks between local government and FNS. The critical part of that is, if we go over what is allotted, then the current recipients of NAP will suffer, will be either denied or suffer in 2016," Torres said.

Torres said they will be releasing documents to the public today showing their talks with FNS. He said they initially got approval of $3.5 million but then received succeeding letters saying that they can only disburse $1 million and another one saying that they have to make sure that their funding is enough otherwise current NAP households might be affected.

"We would like to give to everybody, don't get me wrong, but again there are federal guidelines that we have to abide," Torres said. "It doesn't make sense for us to jeopardize those who are already in need."

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leave on Aug. 18 and Torres expressed his thanks for extending their mission.

"The Marines provided manpower, equipment, and technical expertise for emergency drinking water production and distribution for typhoon survivors as directed by the CNMI government. Their assistance expedited immediate humanitarian relief. We appreciate the unique capabilities of the Marines," Federal Emergency Management Agency federal coordinating officer Stephen M. DeBlasio Sr. said.

The Marines and sailors of the 31st MEU, along with the USS *Ashland* (LSD 48), delivered more than 19,000 gallons of water and 47,000 individual meals provided by FEMA to five distribution sites. More than 10,000 lbs of emergency supplies provided by the American Red Cross were also distributed.

The Marines distributed an additional 366,200 gallons of potable water to the people of Saipan, 279,375 gallons of which were purified using a Light Water Purification System and a Tactical Water Purification System.

Marines and sailors also cleared debris from seven schools, including Marianas High School, Hopwood Junior High School, and Koblerville Elementary School.

In a statement, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) also thanked the 31st MEU.

"The people of the Northern Marianas are deeply grateful to the members of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit for the extraordinary service they have delivered in the devastating aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor," he said.

Joint Region Marianas Commander Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar described the relief operation as a "joint effort."

"And I can tell you that we are absolutely proud and honored to have assisted our island of Saipan in need, in terms of their immediate relief to prevent human suffering and to help stabilize any sort of infrastructure damage," Bolivar added.

She said their "hearts go out to the resilient people of Saipan" and that, as DOD slowly backs out, it is a good sign for recovery.

FEMA, in conjunction with local authorities, have assessed that they have the capabilities to complete any remaining relief operations without military assistance.

"We're going to continue to press that road for recovery and that we're certainly proud to be a part of it. And we thank you for opening your arms to us as a team," Bolivar said.

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FEMA: Cost share will depend on disaster's severity

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The cost-share between the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the CNMI government stands at 75/25, but that can still change depending on the severity of a disaster.

FEMA external affairs representative Larissa Paschyn clarified that the cost-share is outlined in the FEMA-State Agreement.

"Under the Public Assistance Program, the federal government is responsible for supplementing the efforts and available resources of state and local governments when the President declares a disaster or emergency. Because funding provided by the program is supplementary in nature, an appropriate sharing of costs between the federal and state governments must be determined," said Paschyn in an e-mail to *Saipan Tribune*.

While the cost share is subject to change, the minimum federal cost share is 75 percent of eligible costs, she added.

"The state grantee determines the distribution of the non-federal share. All applicants, including private non-profit organizations, are subject to the cost share outlined in the FEMA-State Agreement," she said.

Paschyn added that response operations and commodities are being provided with a 75 percent federal and 25 percent CNMI cost share.

"This includes operating costs and manpower associated with emergency generator power." This means that commodities FEMA is providing to the CNMI such as food, tents, tarps, etc. are being provided within the 75/25 cost share, with CNMI covering 25 percent of expenses. The generators will eventually be returned to FEMA and/or USACE, and are being loaned with cost share in place as well and once permanent power is restored, the CNMI will return the generators to FEMA and will pay the 25 percent cost share, she said.

Earlier, Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres mentioned the cost-share and the possibility that the cost could reach millions of dollars.

He said the CNMI Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Finance "will work on the cost."

Lower share

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), meanwhile, said he is ready to help, should there be a need to request FEMA to reduce a cost-share agreement between the agency and the CNMI government.

In a letter addressed to Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, Sablan said that "while it is true that FEMA assistance is nominally offered on a 75/25 federal/local cost-share basis, there has often been some reduction of the local share for disasters in the Northern Mariana Islands and other U.S. insular areas."

"I want you to know that I stand ready to fully support your request for a reduction of the Commonwealth's share for FEMA assistance, when the time comes to make that request," Sablan said. "Obtaining these cost-share adjustments is a procedure that will probably wait until the immediate needs of recovery are past. Determination of the 100 percent federal share for Typhoon Nabi hazard mitigation projects, for instance, did not occur until about six months after the storm."

Sablan also shared a summary on the increases in the federal share of certain forms of assistance in the nine most recent cases of a Presidential Disaster Declaration in the Northern Marianas.

"Whatever the exact federal/local shares may eventually be, there is no doubt that Typhoon Soudelor has cost the Northern Marianas dearly and the road to recovery is long. Le me assure you that I will work with you in any way I can to reduce the local match of FEMA assistance," he said.

In a separate document, Sablan outlined the disaster and the corresponding federal share on some of the recent typhoons to hit the CNMI.

For Typhoon Kim (in 1986), the public assistance was at 90 percent, and for Typhoon Roy (in 1988), individual and family grants were at 100 percent and public assistance 90 percent.

For Typhoon Paka (in 1997), individual and family grants and hazard mitigation grants was at 100 percent.

For Typhoon Chata'an (in 2002), public assistance was at 90 percent, while hazard mitigation grants was at 100 percent.

For Super Typhoon Chaba (in 2004), public assistance and hazard mitigation grants were at 90 percent.

For Typhoon Tingting (in 2004) and Typhoon Nabi (in 2015), hazard mitigation grants were at 90 percent and 100 percent, respectively.

Ex-convict gets 6 months for forged checks

Eleno B. Valdez, a 44-year-old ex-convict, was slapped with a six-month prison term for forging several stolen checks and using them to buy goods at different stores on Saipan.

Valdez pleaded guilty to theft last week as part of a plea agreement. The remaining eight charges of forgery were dropped.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Valdez to three years imprisonment, all suspended except for six months.

After completing the prison term, Valdez will be placed on supervised probation for three years.

Valdez was ordered to pay a total of $2,073 in restitution to the victims—LJ Store in Garapan, Twins Super Market in Dandan, Ming Yang Store in San Vicente, Blue Sky Store in San Antonio, L&Q Store in Garapan, New Chang Ming Market, and to Maria P. Blas.

The defendant was also required to perform 300 hours of community service.

Valdez was allowed to start serving the prison term at the Department of Corrections on Sept. 14, 2015. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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SAVING SAIPAN:

Mami Ikeda lends a helping hand

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Editor's Note: Saipan Tribune's *latest series will feature everyday heroes who are taking part in recovery efforts and assisting those in need after Typhoon Soudelor devastated Saipan.*

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Volunteers Glen Hunter, right, and Patricia Kaipat, left, pose with Mami Ikeda, center, while delivering water to people in need.

As an American Red Cross and United 4 Saipan volunteer, Mami Ikeda has seen first-hand the devastation that island residents endured in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

"I cried as I drove through the streets after it passed," Ikeda said.

The images were so heartbreaking that Ikeda, with the help of other ordinary citizens, set up an instant relief drive in her Gualo Rai home to assist those in need.

"It takes government days to do anything, anywhere around the globe," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "We, the local residents, must stand strong and help each other and become one force at a time like this..."

The 48-year-old is a part of the over 100 volunteers who answered the call for immediate assistance and the direct delivery of water and food.

Ikeda explained that her home sustained much less damaged compared to other houses she walked into while volunteering.

"So I thought that since it takes so long for our government to help our people in dire need, then we in the community who are less affected by the disaster should do whatever we can to help," she said.

Ikeda said she got involved in groups such as United 4 Saipan because it can operate freely and reach out to those in remote parts of the island in a timely manner.

She said that victims helping victims will engender the entire community to stay strong.

After hearing heartbreaking stories from countless families, Ikeda is inspired to do more to help others get back on their own two feet.

"What touches me the most are the smiles of our people, regardless of so much they have lost," she added. "...I could have been in the same situation."

Her brother, fondly known by many as Kazu, who died of cancer, is another driving force for Ikeda›s fervent involvement.

"So many supported us throughout his battle with cancer,» she said. 'What I am doing...is giving back to the island for all the love and support they gave me and my siblings."

Power generator thieves alarm DPS

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Police are not only worried about the theft of copper wire from downed Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power poles but also from those stealing power generators.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero is urging the community to be very vigilant against thieves.

» DPS receives 555 various traffic, criminal complaints since Soudelor's devastation

He said incidents of theft of power generators are starting to be a thing of concern for DPS due to darkness at night in the absence of electric power.

The commissioner said individuals who own generators should be aware that if their generators go off, they should got out and check them if they are still there.

Deleon Guerrero disclosed that there had been incidents reported recently, where a couple of generators had been stolen.

» Most cases happened in Garapan

"The owners thought [the generator] ran out of fuel. When they got out there, it's gone," he said. "It's advisable to go out and check if the generator is still there."

Deleon Guerrero advised owners to make sure they secure their generators.

"If you have housing for it, it's more perfect. If not, you may get a big chain and chain it to pole or something. Don't just leave your generator that is clearly visible from the road or those passing by," he said.

The commissioner said a power generator is a hot commodity now and is generating interest from thieves.

"It's ridiculous, what's is happening nowadays," he said.

On another note, Deleon Guerrero urged members of the community being approached by individuals trying to sell generators to contact police.

The commissioner said they want to recover those stolen generators.

"It's very unusual at this point to actually be going around and trying to sell generators. Unless in a situation really desperate for anyone. I don't see any reason why anyone would be going around try to sell a generator at this point," he said.

He also warned against stealing a generator that belongs to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"Trust me, if we catch you, we are more than happy to work whichever federal law enforcement agency to ensure the maximum punishment is administered to that offender," Deleon Guerrero said.

Last week, DPS revealed that police recovered about 100 kilos of copper wire stolen from downed CUC poles. The investigation is ongoing.

DPS on Thursday also released statistics on complaints that the department received since Aug. 2 (when Soudelor hit) up to Aug. 19.

Deleon Guerrero said there were a total of 555 complaints filed since Soudelor, from traffic accidents to assault and battery and other crimes.

Of the 555 complaints, most were disturbing the peace, burglary and theft, and vehicular accidents. Most of the incidents happened in Garapan, where 120 cases were reported.

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CUC provides updates on water service availability

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues its mission to bring limited water service to the island of Saipan by systematically deploying our Water Division resources to monitor reservoir levels and test line pressurization throughout our villages.

Until CUC is able to energize each of Saipan's 150 wells, our Water Division is working to deliver islandwide water service, albeit in a limited capacity, using a network of generators from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Below is the current schedule for limited water service by village:

San Jose And San Antonio schedule change

CUC customers in San Antonio were not receiving water yesterday morning as repair teams have been dispatched to fix a major line break. Customers in the affected will receive limited water service this afternoon, which is reflected in the new schedule.

San Antonio will now receive water as follows:

- Odd days: 1pm-6pm
- Even days: 6pm-8am

San Jose will now receive water as follows:

- 8am-1pm daily

Limited water service schedule

- San Antonio: Odd days: 1pm-6pm Even days: 6pm-8am
- Chalan Piao: 8am-1pm daily
- Chalan Kanoa: Odd days: 6pm-8am Even days: 1pm-6pm
- Susupe: Odd days: 1pm-6pm Even days: 6pm-8am
- Oleai: Odd days: 1pm-6pm Even days: 6pm-8am
- San Jose: 8am-1pm daily
- Chalan Kiya: 24 hours (lower elevations only)
- Navy Hill (Upper): 11am-2pm daily
- Navy Hill (Lower): 8am-11am daily
- Chinatown: 2pm-4pm daily
- As Teo: 2:30pm-6:30pm daily
- As Matuis: 12pm – 4pm daily
- San Roque: 8am-12pm daily
- Koblerville Section 1: 7am - 12pm (odd days)
- Koblerville Section 2A: 2pm - 7pm (even days)
- Koblerville Section 2B: 7am - 2pm (even days)
- Koblerville Section 3A: 12pm - 6pm (odd days)
- Koblerville Section 3B: 6pm - 12am (odd days)

Capital Hill is broken up into three sections:

- CH 1: 8am-12pm daily (East Isa Dr. from Sarah Market to Kagman Mobil Gas Station (including Atbut Dr., Egigi Dr., Ifet Dr., Chunge Pl., Fakpe PL., and Fahang Dr.).
- CH 2: 12pm-7pm (1200 block and the filling station)
- CH 3: 12pm-2pm 1300 block, Wireless Ridge, West Isa Dr. to Haat PL., and Chalan Talafofo. *1200 block will receive water up to 7pm due to the filling station).
- CH 4: 1:30pm-6pm (Papago Dr., Sosugi Dr., Isa Dr. from Ahgaga Dr. to Mulberry Ln.).

*All times are subject to change based on the volume of water coming into the tank

Kagman

Testing is ongoing in the village of Kagman. Limited water service to the village will continue as engineers and operations personnel finalize the schedule for water hours for all sections of Kagman; however, there is no set schedule available at this time.

Limited water service operation testing

Water is pumped into our reservoirs overnight by the generators provided by FEMA. Every morning, our engineers and operations staff record the water level inside of the tanks and calculate how many gallons of water per minute our wells are able to produce.

When water from the tanks is released into the system, our engineers and operations staff record the water level drop inside of the tank and calculate how much water it takes to pressurize the lines. Once this happens, our crews continue to monitor the water level inside of the tanks to determine how much water is used by customers inside the service area.

While this happens, our crews also monitor the service area for leaks and dispatch repair crews to problem areas. In order to isolate the service areas, the same crews are responsible for driving through the villages, opening and closing valves.

As each reservoir serves multiple areas, our crews must repeat this process multiple times to ensure that all of our customers receive limited water service.

This process is particularly challenging for our customers in Dandan, Fina Sisu, Kannat Tabla, As Lito, As Perdido, Chalan Kiya, As Terlaje, and Chalan Laulau because all of these villages are served by just two tanks.

Forecasting

CUC Engineering and Operations personnel continue testing the villages of Kannat Tabla, Fina Sisu, Upper Chalan Kiya, Dandan, As Lito, As Perdido, Tanapag, and San Vicente. As engineers and operations personnel receive results, an established schedule for limited water service will be released.

Water filling stations

CUC continues to provide up to 100 gallons of water per household per day at filling stations across Saipan. Residential customers may fill their containers in As Teo, Capital Hill, Kannat Tabla, and Navy Hill. Each site is open daily from 12pm-7pm.

The water made available at the filling stations is strictly for non-commercial residential use. No water buffaloes will be filled.

Commercial filling station

CUC has opened a commercial filling station in Chalan Kiya. Commercial customers are permitted to purchase up to 3,000 gallons per day at a rate of $.72 per 1,000 gallons. To avail of this service, commercial customers must first make a payment at our Dandan Customer Service Center and make an appointment to fill their respective tanks.

Shelter filling stations

CUC has identified two locations for the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services to escort tanker trucks that will provide water for the emergency shelters. These services are available by appointment only and are for the sole purpose of supplying water to the shelters.

Safety precaution

As a precaution, all water provided by CUC will need to be sanitized through the use of chlorine bleach or boiling before it can be used by the community.

FOR BOILING: Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

FOR CHLORINATING: Alternatively, customers may also disinfect their water with bleach using the following measurements:

CONTAINER SIZE	AMOUNT OF BLEACH	
	CLEAR WATER	CLOUDY WATER
1 GALLON	3 DROPS	6 DROPS
5 GALLON	15 DROPS	30 DROPS
55 GALLON	1-½ TEASPOONS	1 TABLESPOON
100 GALLON	3 TEASPOONS	2 TABLESPOONS
500 GALLON	5 TABLESPOONS	½ CUP
1,000 GALLON	½ CUP	1 CUP

NOTE: Allow the water to stand in a covered container, away from the sunlight, if possible, for at least 30 minutes.

For more information, visit our website www.cucgov.org or contact CUC's Customer Call Center at 664-4CUC (664-4282). ***(CUC)***

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MTC gets over $2.6M to expand broadband for NMI

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Micronesian Telecommunications Corp. has accepted $2,627,177 in annual, ongoing support from the Connect America Fund to expand and support broadband for nearly 23,000 of its rural customers.

The Connect America Fund support will enable Micronesian Telecom to deliver broadband at speeds of at least 10 Mbps for downloads and 1 Mbps uploads to over 11,100 homes and businesses in its rural service areas where the cost of broadband deployment might otherwise be prohibitive.

"Micronesia Telecom's decision to accept support from the Connect America Fund will greatly benefit its rural customers by expanding robust broadband in their communities," said FCC chair Tom Wheeler. "The Connect America Fund is delivering on its promise of ensuring that all Americans have access to the opportunities provided by modern broadband service, no matter where they live."

Below is the amount of annual support provided and number of homes and businesses served by municipality:

Municipality	Homes/Businesses Supported	Total Support
Rota	852	$973,948
Saipan	9,268	$1,153,549
Tinian	1,023	$499,680

Like telephone service in the 20th century, broadband has become essential to life in the 21st century. But, according to the FCC's latest Broadband Progress Report, nearly one in three rural Americans lack access to 10/1 broadband, compared to only one in 100 urban Americans. The Connect America Fund is designed to close that rural-urban digital divide.

The FCC's traditional universal service program succeeded in ensuring telephone network coverage in rural America by providing subsidies where the cost of service would otherwise be prohibitive.

Over the next six years, Phase II of Connect America will provide more than $10 billion to expand broadband-capable networks throughout rural America nationwide, all without increasing the cost of the program to ratepayers. Overall, the FCC's Universal Service Fund allocates $4.5 billion annually through various universal service programs for high-cost areas to support voice- and broadband-capable networks in rural America.

Carriers receiving Connect America Fund support must build out broadband to 40 percent of funded locations by the end 2017, 60 percent by the end of 2018, 80 percent by the end of 2019, and 100 percent by the end of 2020. ***(FCC)***

Habele awards tuition scholarships in FSM

KOLONIA, Yap—A dozen promising students from three states of the Federated States of Micronesia are headed to the private school of their families' choosing this year.

These exceptional students received K-12 tuition scholarships from Habele, a nonprofit founded by former Peace Corps volunteers that operates exclusively in the FSM.

"Investing in the future of these bright and ambitious children is a real pleasure," stated Matthew Coleman, a Habele Project director. "It's exciting to participate in empowering the future leaders of the FSM. Habele knows there are many other gifted students for whom educational opportunity is still just a dream, and we remain committed to the mission of reaching them."

Among the 2015-16 Habele scholars are students attending Saint Mary's, Yap SDA, Yap Catholic High School, Xavier High School, and Calvary Christian Academy. The six boys and six girls come from a number of island communities across the FSM.

Students and their families commit to maintaining—or raising—their exceptional GPAs, participating in extracurricular programs that complement classroom instruction, and maintaining exemplary attendance and conduct records.

Scholarships cover a large percentage, but not all, of school tuition and fees, leaving parents and guardians meaningful financial participation in their child's education. These scholarships are issued directly to schools, in the name of each student, who must provide report cards and other progress indicators to Habele throughout the school year.

Established by Americans who taught in island classrooms, Habele empowers access and accomplishment throughout Micronesia. In addition to the scholarships, Habele serves K-12 students through literacy donations, and extracurricular projects. Among these are the "Yap Robo League" and the Waa'gey traditional skills mentorships. ***(Habele)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
A group of 2015-16 Habele scholars in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia.

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC CHARGES AND RATES

By order of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, CUC is authorized to adjust the Fuel Adjustment Charge, previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC, depending on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the "Mean of Platts Singapore" monthly pricing equals or exceeds 4.5% of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the Fuel Adjustment Charge. Due to a change that exceeded the average fuel price, CUC will adjust the fuel-charge by 13.68%. Accordingly, the Fuel Adjustment Charge has decreased from $0.19346 per kWh to **$0.16699** per kWh effective **August 4, 2015**.

BASE RATES

		RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
1	Monthly Customer Charge	$ 7.00	$ 10.00	$ 10.00	$ 9.06
2	Base Rates Per kWh:				
	KWH LEVELS				
	1) 1 to 350	$ 0.0210	$ 0.1130	$ 0.1240	$ 0.1070
	2) 351 to 1,200	$ 0.0970	$ 0.1130	$ 0.1240	$ 0.1070
	3) 1,201 and over	$ 0.1580	$ 0.1130	$ 0.1240	$ 0.1070
3	Public Law 16-7 Credit (Rebate) Per kWh -- all usage	$ (0.0230)	N/A	N/A	N/A

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FUEL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE (Previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC)

	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
Fuel Adjustment Charge (Eff 08/04/15)	$ 0.16699	$ 0.16699	$ 0.16699	$ 0.16699
Previous Charge	$ 0.19346	$ 0.19346	$ 0.19346	$ 0.19346

*Municipal Pumping

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Fixture Charge: See below.

	FIXTURE TYPE	WATTS	KWH/MONTH	FIXTURE CHARGE PER MONTH
1	Long Arm	250	101	$ 11.67
2	Short Arm	175	71	$ 8.33
3	LED	140	57	$ 10.83

ELECTRIC NON-RATE FEES

1	Late Charge (monthly)	1% of Past Due
2	NSF Check / Returned Check Charge	$ 40.00
3	Convenience Fee (for pay-by-phone and online payments)*	$ 1.50
4	Unauthorized Connection*	$ 550.00
5	Reconnection at the Pole*	$ 200.00
6	Investigation (no charge for first two investigations)*	$ 210.00
7	Disconnection Notice	$ 15.00
8	Meter Change Out	$ 95.00
9	New Service - Single Phase	$ 135.00
10	Inspection of Service (no charge for first two inspections)	$ 90.00
11	Meter Test - Single Phase	$ 75.00
12	Meter Test - Three Phase	$ 110.00
13	Disconnection at the Meter	$ 45.00
14	Reconnection at the Meter	$ 60.00

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's Office (Conference Room) at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. PRELIMINARIES:
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes: June 4 & 26, 2015

II. REPORTS:
- A. Report by the Chairman
- B. Report by the Executive Director

III. OLD BUSINESS:
- A. Continuing GLI Audit of Casino Gaming Equipment (CS-CNMI-20150429-2)
- B. Public Law 18-56 – Discussion on status of proposed amendments
- C. GLI Technical Training
- D. UNLV Training Proposal

IV. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. Adoption of Emergency Casino Regulations – Junket Regulations
- B. Adoption of Minimum Internal Control Standards ("MICS")

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day if necessary.

Juan M. Sablan
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-v-	:	
RAPHAEL I. RANGAMAR,	:	
Defendant.	:	

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on May 9, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Tract/Lot No. 103 D 01, situated in Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 19,021 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 102 D 00 dated February 8, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-3284, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, September 25, 2015, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Condition of Sale. The Terms and Condition of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

Dated, this 17th day of August, 2015:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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NOTICE OF AUCTION

CDA FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

10:00 a.m. August 26, 27 and 28, 2015 | CDA Conference Room, 1st Floor

AUCTION PROCEDURE

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan at **10:00 a.m. August 26, 27 and 28, 2015,** subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid.** No minimum opening bid.
2. **Reserves.** The auction shall be held with reserves.
3. **Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a. To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. **Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone 234-7145 ext. 311, Fax, 235-7147.
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Lot 345 R 114 – Sinapalo, Rota

EA 109NEW-1 – Chalan Kiya

Lot 251 T 53 – Marpo Valley, Tinian

Lot 230 R 01 – Tatgua, Rota

EA 825New-R5, As Lito Dr.

012 G 84 – 93 - Laulau

167 4New-5-2, Kannat Tabla

181N-R2 – 1811N-9, I-Rueda

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2015

	Lot no.	Location	Size (sqm)	Description
1	345 R 114	Sinapalo, Rota	960	2 story house
2	230 R 01 Part of	Tatgua, Rota	9,384.5	vacant
3	Lot 565 R 02	As Nieves, Rota	3,000	vacant
4	167 R 03	Isang, Rota	30,000	vacant
5	131 T 31	Marpo, Tinian	1,322	one-story duplex
6	251 T 52	Marpo Valley, Tinian	2,049	vacant
7	251 T 53	Marpo, Valley, Tinian	5,522	vacant
8	031 T 19	Tachungya, Tinian	1,085	vacant
9	031 T 20	Tachungya, Tinian	1,080	vacant
10	031 T 21	Tachungya, Tinian	1,085	vacant
11	031 T 22	Tachungya, Tinian	1,089	vacant
12	031 T 23	Tachungya, Tinian	1089	vacant
13	268 T 05	Marpo, Tinian	32,707	vacant
14	118 T 09	Marpo, Tinian	962	vacant
15	118 T 10	Marpo, Tinian	962	vacant
16	118 T 11	Marpo, Tinian	962	vacant
	10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 27, 2015			
17	EA 109NEW-1	Chalan Kiya	9,157	Improved 4 buildings
18	004 H 06	Dolores St. Chalan Kanoa	1,106	vacant
19	167 4 New-5-2	Tinekcha Ln. Kannat Tabla	1,401	vacant
20	Tr 22805-1-4	Chalan Santa Lourdes, As Teo	2,441	vacant
21	012 G 84	Laulau	1,220	vacant
22	012 G 85	Laulau	1,010	vacant
23	012 G 86	Laulau	1,010	vacant
24	012 H 87	Laulau	1,010	vacant
25	012 H 88	Laulau	1,130	vacant
26	012 H 89	Laulau	902	vacant
27	012 H 90	Laulau	902	vacant
28	012 G 92	Laulau	902	vacant
29	012 G 93	Laulau	902	vacant
	10:00 a.m., Friday, August 28, 2015			
30	1811N-R2	I-Rueda	2,548	vacant
31	1811N-2	I-Rueda	2,102	vacant
32	1811N-3	I-Rueda	2,102	vacant
33	1811N-4	I-Rueda	2,102	vacant
34	1811N-5	I-Rueda	2,102	vacant
35	1811N-6	I-Rueda	2,102	vacant
36	1811N-7	I-Rueda	2,102	vacant
37	1811N-8	I-Rueda	2,102	vacant
38	1811N-9	I-Rueda	2,548	vacant
39	EA 825 New-R5	As Lito Drive	9,263	vacant
40	Tr 21837-3 New-4	Kostat Dr., As Lito	3,000	vacant
41	Tr 21837-3 New-2	Kostat Dr., As Lito	750	vacant

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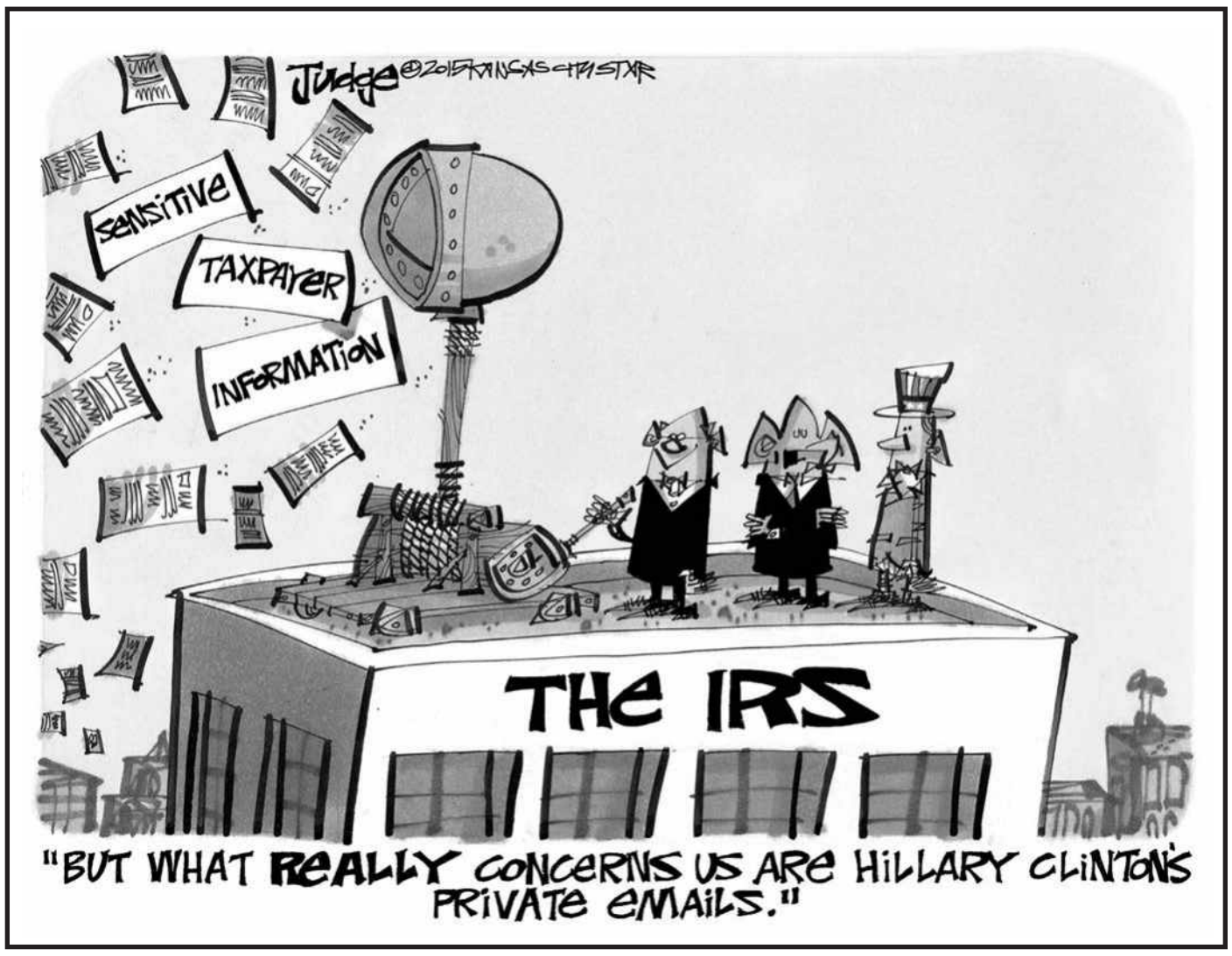

Death knell of typhoons

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Soudelor struck swiftly in a night full of heavy rain and fierce winds. Caught off guard, management at my apartment complex took no chances with the twin threat of Goni and Atsani. They put up the window boards.

Goni came through the waters between Rota and Tinian, and though it made its presence known in Saipan, the young *tangan-tangan* trees that had already sprouted green leaves in spite of the battering from Soudelor stood their ground. The window boards were understandably cautionary but they were not necessary.

Atsani humped crustaceans to the beach in Pagan and Agrihan, downed coconuts while it swirled its way northwest, but its tail end only brought monsoon rain and the burst of gusty wind (redundancies are for emphasis) to Saipan. Tenants' cloth dryers normally in the walkway made it indoors, but the skating board kids did not miss a beat. Atsani had sound and semblance of fury but to the kids, it signified nothing.

For most of us, with the staggered 10-hour combination of power and water access (six hours at night), the boarded windows in the bedrooms were windless desert. The south winds accompanying Goni were warm so even standing in the apartment hallway up the third floor offered no the comfort.

By Wednesday, when it became clear that Typhoon Atsani was not going to come to Saipan, I checked with our apartment complex on when they were going to take the window boards down. "Not until after the second typhoon had passed," was the cautionary response.

By then, it was sweltering heat during daytime and for most of us who do not have regular offices to go to with CUC still unable to deliver power and water, the bedroom even at night offered no solace.

What was disconcerting was the second point of our maintenance personnel who exclaimed: "Do you realize how long and how much manpower it takes to put up the window boards?"

Ah, yes, I was quite familiar with the work involved, but I am also clear of the customer service orientation of the company that owns the complex, and I am sure, the comfort of tenants take precedence over the convenience, or in this case, the inconvenience on workers to put up the window boards before the typhoons.

I was going to ignore the maintenance man's rationale until I heard my 80-ish neighbor get the same response when he went down to the front office to ask his window board be removed. That Soudelor taught us a lesson on being prepared is understandable; that we use it as an excuse to sacrifice the judgment of the tenants for the convenience of the workers is unjustifiable. After all, I do write for a newspaper that daily follows the weather and I faithfully checked the "weather desk" to be duly informed of current weather affairs. Atsani was a no-show.

But apartment comfort was nothing compared to the typhoon effect Wednesday when I went down the lagoon of San Isidro in CK. The tide was on the ebb and I jauntily walked and swiftly swam my way to the breakwater on the reef line to look for shellfish. I underestimated the wave force and, though I stayed on the left side of the breakwater opening that gets into Sugar Dock, it became clear that the waves were stronger than my 70-year-old physique.

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How does the CNMI account for typhoon aid coming in?

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Haidee V. Eugenio is a veteran journalist in the CNMI.

With the outpouring of generosity for Saipan in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor's Aug. 2 devastation, how does the CNMI keep track of and account for the hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash donations, in-kind contributions, and free services for relief and recovery?

More cash donations are expected in the next few days and weeks.

Containers of relief goods have already made their way to Saipan, and many others are on the way.

If one is to add U.S. federal resources to help restore water and power services, individual and household assistance (nearly $2 million approved so far), emergency food stamps ($3.5 million at least), and relief supply vouchers and transportation of emergency supplies and equipment, then we're talking about multiple millions of dollars worth of assistance to the CNMI. This is with or without local matching fund requirements.

Saipan is getting help from individuals, families, groups, businesses, civic organizations and neighborhoods on Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Guam, Hawaii, California, Washington, D.C., other U.S. states and other countries.

Among the people near and far that are opening their hearts and wallets may not even be able to pinpoint Saipan on the world map.

Part of the reason for such an outpouring of support may be the nearly 100 local, national and global media outlets such as Associated Press and Al-Jazeera that reported on Soudelor's fury on Saipan. After wreaking havoc on the island, Soudelor later became the strongest storm so far this year.

Here is an attempt to list some initial cash donations:

■ First Hawaiian Bank's monetary donation of $25,000 to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter as early as Aug. 3, plus other relief goods and services;

■ DFS Group's initial monetary donation of $50,000 also to Red Cross, plus direct donations to its Saipan employees within 48 hours of the typhoon's direct hit, and an ongoing online fundraising that DFS will match, with a target amount of $100,000;

■ Bank of Hawaii's $25,000 monetary donation ($15,000 through Red Cross and $10,000 through The Salvation Army), plus other relief goods and services;

■ Bank of Guam's monetary donation of $50,000 ($20,000 through Red Cross, $20,000 through Karidat Social Services, and $10,000 through The Salvation Army), plus ongoing collection of donations;

■ Nissan Motor Corp. in Guam's monetary donation of $10,000 ($5,000 through Rotary Clubs of Guam and $5,000 through Joeten Daidai Foundation);

■ Baseball players and fans in Bangor, Maine where the Senior League World Series was recently held, donated $8,000 directly to players and coach of the CNMI team by passing hats around during games;

■ Tinian leadership's monetary donation of $5,220, along with relief supplies, to The Salvation Army;

■ Municipality of Mangilao in Guam's monetary donation of $4,265.70 to the Saipan Mayor's Office;

■ Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) online campaign donated $6,743 to Karidat Social Services for the latter's typhoon relief program, in addition to Sablan's efforts in getting Obama to declare the CNMI a federal disaster area to be able to tap federal resources for relief and recovery missions.

Those with combined donations of cash and relief supplies, and those that provided Saipan with manpower resources and other emergency service needs:

■ Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal agencies;

■ U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marines (aboard USS *Ashland* from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit), U.S. Air Force (airmen from the 36th Contingency Response Group out of Andersen Air Force Base), National Guard, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Joint Region Marianas;

■ Government of Guam, including boot drives led by the office of Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio and an online donation campaign, Guam Power Authority, Guam International Airport Authority, members of the Guam Legislature, Guam municipalities;

■ American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, Karidat Social Services, The Salvation Army;

■ American Red Cross chapters across the United States sending volunteers to Saipan;

■ Joeten Daidai Foundation donated $60,000 in combined

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Halo! Everbody home?

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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For all the anti-military sentiments we've heard, Kilili knows well in advance the need to bring in the Marines from Hawaii to help in the recovery effort. It brought in its own RO system and helped villagers with potable water daily. It had to return by the 18th (last week) but we begged for four more days.

I was actually waiting for the anti-military platoon from upstairs to start rolling out its own RO system to replace the military. But they only have fully air-conditioned cars leased and paid for by the taxpayers to make empty rounds, daily. I suppose it's okay benefitting from taxpayer-provided power generators and water buffaloes that blur their naked eyes of the real hardship out in the villages. What accomplishment!

It's appalling too the obvious lack of understanding of the depth of destruction islandwide. We have eight teams working the electrical system and at the rate of recovery, we should clear the field at the same time next year. This is indecision at its worse, but then what else do we expect from the exhausted "solutions driven" team? It ignores solutions while driven off their fiduciary duties, dazed.

Sisyphean suffering: Someone asked, "Has the NMI been relegated to a lifetime of Sisyphean suffering?" Remember Sisyphus' punishment to roll a huge rock up the hill then roll it down and repeat the whole thing until sunset? I was ready to answer negatively but measured against the same grand redundancy, maybe Sisyphean suffering is part of our lifetime curse!

Beauty of paradise: Occasionally, I'd walk in nearby wooded areas or along secluded shorelines to connect with the beauty of an island paradise. I needed the fresh air from underneath giant monkeypod trees or salt spray from across the sea. I'm revisiting home!

While enjoying the cool gentle breeze under huge tree branches I saw Jack and Jill (Marianas crow) visiting with curious quick eyes looking for something. They pick food, fly off then make return trips. I was curious if it's food gathering for newly hatched chicks at a nest nearby or is it the mating season?

I love the free-spirited visitations. Even more importantly is the aesthetics it adds to our surroundings that make us whole. The lovebirds are beautiful creatures and how wonderful listening to their songs at dawn and dusk. At least they give us the reassurance that we live on an island and not in urban cement jungles like New York, Chicago, or LA.

I also met a green playful lizard moving about in quick pensive fashion. Interesting the reptilian shift in colors depending on the shade of the branch—green or brown—chasing something to munch. He did quick summersaults among leaves boasting of his youthful agility.

The threat of rainstorm gathering out east is wonderful music to our ears. We get renewed enthusiasm to reboot as drizzle and whippy breeze make it through the island. Well, at least the sound triggers a sense of hope that not all is lost in paradise! It's sickening listening to shallow spouts from pols.

Also had the opportunity to visit serene Lake Susupe. It's a calming experience hearing quick flips from tilapia nearby or the screams of a flock of mallard ducks flying in formation across the water headed somewhere. At least it had a sense of direction.

It's a place you could romanticize for hours by imagining you're sitting atop the deck of a boat under starry skies or full moon night in the middle of the lake. I mean there's the opportunity to push everything to the limits in your imagination.

There are two other lakes I know of here. Two are on Pagan—one immediately below the exhausted crater—the other near the western shore, though not a natural one. The one on top is steaming with vapor daily you couldn't miss it. Would building huts around it be a safe venture?

The biggest crater must be on Alimagan that zooms up from the base like a pyramid of sort. It's a deep place inundated with wild plants, goats and fruit bats. Unless you're from Alimagan, don't brave venturing into it. Overall, it was one pleasant walk seeing what I've missed for years or the simple beauty of home.

My friend Chamu: There's a pleasant resurgence in Guam to teach kids how to speak their native tongue. Sadly, I noticed a TV program where Chamorro is taught as a second language. In other words, it is being taught in English. And I was like, "Something doesn't add up here." If you're teaching me Chamorro why speak English? Get my point?

The NMI isn't far behind the teaching of Chamorro as a second language. I understand a survey was done in recent years where it was found that 90 percent of households use English daily rather than Chamorro. What perfect recipe to set the path to ensure the slow death and burial of the local language using English as the primary lingo of indigenous kids.

Essentials: Appalling how we say one thing then instantly ignore the essentials to put the face of integrity behind our views. Is there a vicious dementia issue quietly eating our brains when we go to sleep at night?

We complain of corruption but vote for the same folks and pretend we "saw nothing, heard nothing and didn't know anything." Ooops! Did I implicate you?

We speak of indigenous culture but drop the ball altogether. Then we return for seconds. Seesuzzzz! Is dementia cultural too?

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Watched tour buses return from the airport. The last one had two passengers, one the conductor the other the driver. Ooops! Heard there are thousands of visitor cancellations.

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cash and in-kind contributions ($40,000 cash and supplies through Red Cross, $10,000 in cash and supplies through the Salvation Army, and $10,000 in cash and supplies through Karidat Social Services);

■ Saipan exclusive casino license holder Best Sunshine International Ltd. claims to have donated at least $500,000 in combined cash and in-kind contributions ($200,000 to the Saipan Mayor's Office; $100,000 cash to the governor's office and lieutenant governor's office; $100,000 to the Legislature; $50,000 to Red Cross; $50,000 to Karidat Social Services);

■ Grassroots volunteer group United 4 Saipan, funded by Help us Restore our Island's GoFundMe online account, Glen Hunter, Sveta Hunter, Mami Ikeda and other volunteers;

■ Various Lions Clubs in Guam's over $20,000 worth of relief goods;

■ Sons of Saipan, in partnership with the Guam Regional Medical City and others, collected $13,334 so far in donated cash and relief supplies;

■ Hormel Foods Corp. based in Minnesota donated over 20,000 cans of luncheon meat;

■ Ayuda Foundation in Guam, Payuta Inc. in Guam, Archdiocese of Agana, Catholic Social Services, Guam Chamber of Commerce, Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Guam, Korean Association of Guam, Filipino Association of Guam, Association of Mariana Islands Mayors, Guam Territorial Band, Guam Running Club;

■ GTA Teleguam, IT&E, Docomo Pacific, Delta Air Lines, Bank Pacific, Matson, Dewitt, Pacific Trading, Triple J, IHOP in Guam, Marianas Express Lines, Dependable Global Express, Sorensen Media Group;

■ United Filipino Organization, Bayani Association, Honorary Philippine Consul to the CNMI Eli Arago, Saipan Lions Club, Empty Vessel Ministry, other faith-based groups and churches, Saipan Young Professionals, Project: Save Saipan, Marianas Chapter of U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance;

■ CNMI San Diego Club raising funds through an online GoFundMe account, in partnership with the Sons and Daughters of Guam Club in San Diego;

■ Reach Out Pacific and office of Hawaii State Sen. Glenn Wakai, healthcare providers from Hawaii, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Pacific Xtreme Combat community, Tokia Nation, Gamageri Junior Brass Band from Aichi Prefecture in Japan, students from Itoda School in Japan donated 30,000 yen or $241;

■ Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands donated some $20,000 worth of relief goods to Karidat Social Services, plus individual hotels such as Mariana Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Hotel;

■ *Saipan Tribune*, Tan Holdings Corp., Tang Construction, ITS Equipment Rental, GPPC, E-Land, Telesource, Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance Ltd., other businesses in the CNMI;

■ Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, Saipan Fishermen's Association, Talaabwogh Stars Association, Tinian Cattlemen Association;

■ United Airlines' online fundraising initiative and the purchase of emergency medical kits with medicines and supplies for 10,000 Saipan residents for up to 90 days;

■ South Korea to send 100 boxes of instant noodles, 600 bottles of spring water, 100 sets of mosquito nets, 100 flashlights and four small generators via Asiana Airlines;

■ CNMI departments and agencies and elected officials;

■ Individual members of the CNMI community;

■ Feel free to add to the list…

It's hard to estimate the value of "all" donated drinking water, food, clothing, medicine, beddings, cots, tents, batteries, sanitary wipes and other toiletries, power generators, rechargeable fans, mosquito nets and coils and other relief supplies.

Equally tough is putting a dollar figure on all the time, energy and other resources spent to support ongoing relief and recovery efforts.

When many of the donors and volunteers help anonymously, without media coverage, and give directly to typhoon survivors, that also makes it difficult to keep track of every penny and every item donated.

At the end of the day, however, what matters most is that all the monetary donations, goods and services from donors and volunteers reach their intended recipients.

Through these donations, typhoon survivors are able to eat, drink, shower, sleep at night safely, go to and from work or school, and eventually stand on their own feet again.

But if the donations (or vouchers and food stamps) are already on Saipan yet take a long time to reach individual typhoon survivors and are therefore bogging down relief and recovery efforts, one can only guess whether it's because of a lack of coordination, communication breakdown, incompetence, bureaucracy, corruption, or a combination of any of these.

DEATH

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I tried reversing my direction toward shore but suddenly I hit a spot where the water was up to my neck. Foolish me, I floated with the current thinking that the waves would drive me to the shore. The reverse occurred. Before I knew it, I was treading water, the undertow sucking me into the breach, and I was out on the open sea heading toward the channel moving to Tinian.

It would have been OK on a clear day, though I suspect boaters were reluctant to paddle the turbulent waters, and it was getting close to sunset. I really did not relish floating on the open sea without a life vest, and only rubber shoes, mask and snorkel for company. Besides, a couple of sharks welcomed me to the breach, and I became clear that the first thing to do was NOT to panic.

The second thought was to damn myself for not writing an obituary for the paper, or, at least an epitaph, in case people dismiss my will to be cremated, and bury my remains six feet below the ground.

My third thought was that I intended to exit at 86, a good 16 years onward, so to quit now would violate my own timeline. I dropped my plastic bag full of seashells and started to body surf toward the reef south of the breach.

A neighbor I went with to Wing Beach before told me of Pacific islanders refraining from visiting the waters four days after a storm and I did not heed the advice, so there I was flailing arms as the waves almost a km to shore dumped me into the coral stones, four-foot waves drenching me in bubbled water. The corals liberally poked my *piguo* but it was much more welcomed than floating in the open sea without sight of its murky floor.

I made it to the shore just as the sun glimmered before dusk. On Wednesday night, as Astani threatened, I went to sleep like a babe.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Light and variable winds becoming northwest around 10 mph in the afternoon.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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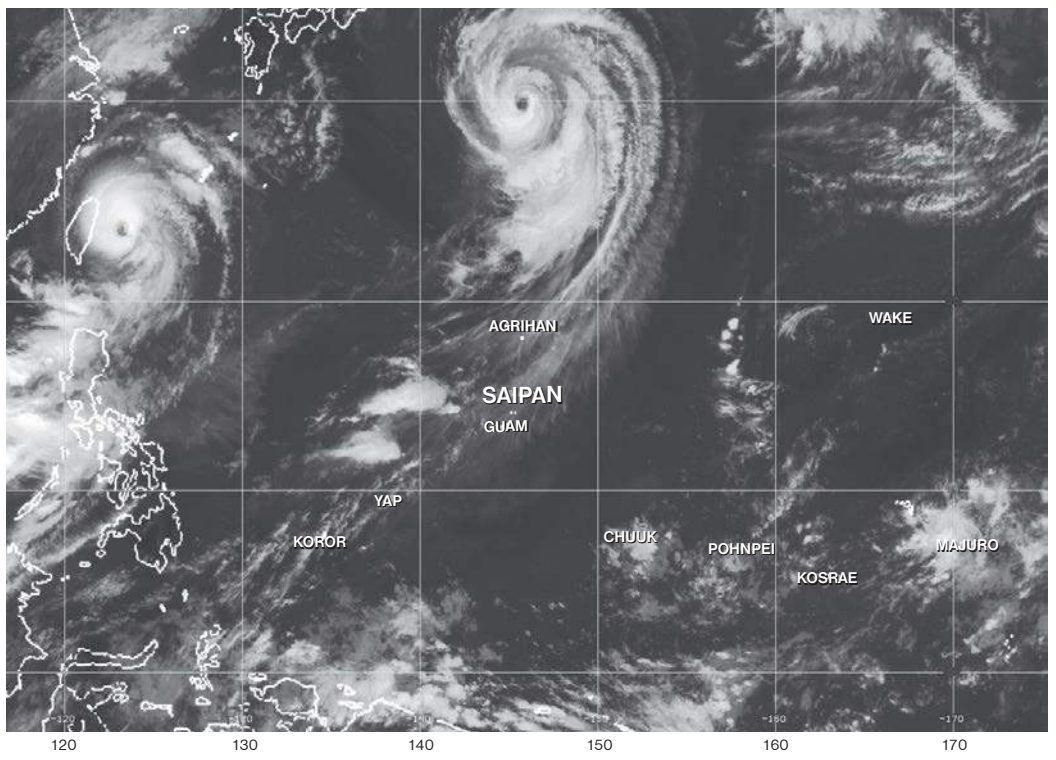

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough runs northward from near Yap at 11N138E to end at 20N135E. Converging low-level west winds are coupling with this trough to generate scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north of Yap within 115 miles of a line from 12N137E to 16N141E. Converging surface winds are triggering isolated thunderstorms between the equator and 3N from 130E to 140E. A surface trough stretches northeastward from south of Chuuk at EQ150E through two weak circulations centered northeast of Pohnpei at 9N163E and near Wake Island at 18N168E to beyond 25N at 174E. Widely scattered showers are found near Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae between 4N and 8N from 152E to 163E. Converging southeast winds east of this trough are combining with divergent upper-level winds to produce scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the southern Marshall Islands between 5N and 11N from 167E to 180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼76
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼81

Around the Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲62	▼51
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲85	▼67
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲93	▼82
Honolulu	Showers	▲87	▼76
London	Showers	▲69	▼54
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲88	▼66
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲58	▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲94	▼78
New York	Cloudy	▲84	▼73
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼76
Paris	Thunderstorms	▲68	▼56
Pusan	Rain	▲84	▼73
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼71
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲94	▼57
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲67	▼59
Seoul	Showers	▲85	▼69
Tokyo	Showers	▲84	▼71
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼70

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:16 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
9:48 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
4:50 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
9:46 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:04 AM	6:36 PM
Tuesday	6:04 AM	6:35 PM
Wednesday	6:05 AM	6:34 PM
Thursday	6:05 AM	6:34 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:33 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:32 PM	12:26 AM
Tuesday	2:26 PM	1:16 AM
Wednesday	3:21 PM	2:10 AM
Thursday	4:15 PM	3:08 AM
Friday	5:09 PM	4:08 AM

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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/721	2:25am	11:50am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Best Sunshine, Karidat, JKPL work together

Best Sunshine International Ltd. recently teamed up with non-profit organizations to offer assistance where it is most needed. Karidat and other CNMI Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster, or VOAD, were chosen primarily for their longstanding philanthropic involvement with the local community.

As part of the company's disaster relief measures, Best Sunshine donated to Karidat $50,000 worth of non-perishable food items such as rice, water, soba noodles, an assortment of canned meat, canned vegetables and fruits, along with toiletries and hygiene articles like shampoo, body wash, baby wipes, hand sanitizers, household disinfectants and wipes, and cooking implements such as butane fuel.

The purchase and procurement of these much-needed essentials at a time of scarcity fell on Best Sunshine employees Leo Duenas of the warehouse department and Tammy Cepeda of the hospitality department.

"Despite the strenuous task of getting all of the items on the shopping list and beating a crucial deadline, I'm happy to be of service not only to the company I work for but to the community as well," said Cepeda.

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library then offered Karidat the use of its facility as a temporary warehouse and packing station for the goods donated for distribution.

"We do what we possibly can to be able to help out. When Karidat was faced with the problem of where to deliver and keep stock of the goods, we were more than willing to provide our space and staff to be of assistance," said Erlinda C. Naputi, acting director of Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

Despite the difficulties with power outage and overbearing heat and physical discomfort, a number of people volunteered to clear up space, receive deliveries, organize stock and even an "assembly line" of packers composed of library staff, friends and family.

"This is amazing," said Tao Xing, CSO of Imperial Pacific, representing Best Sunshine, upon visiting the library and witnessing the behind-the-scenes preparation. "This is our way of reaching out to help. The philosophy of the company is that every single penny goes out to the people."

Pulling together a donation involves a lot of work. From a laborious perspective, it is easier to hand over a check, but the rigors of dispensing donations in-kind are offset by its effectiveness and empathy. Best Sunshine intends to carry out their assistance to the community. The company's collaborative effort with different organizations driven by the same cause will significantly catalyze fair and even distribution. ***(Best Sunshine)***

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The partnership between Best Sunshine International, Karidat, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, and other volunteer organizations has resulted in the distribution of thousands of much-needed essentials to Saipan residents.

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Tao Xing, Imperial Pacific's chief service officer, who represented Best Sunshine International, joined dozens of volunteers including lawmakers in Friday's distribution of non-perishable items as part of the company's post-typhoon relief assistance.

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Family members of Karidat gather to help prepare household essentials for Friday's distribution.

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At the Office on Aging, Tao Xing, left, representing BSI, along with company employees, donate cases of drinking water.

Clean drinking water is distributed.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Restaurant General Manager (1)

Classification: Full-Time, Exempt, 50 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Area General Manager (AGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
Prioritize, directs and coordinates the activities of the restaurant to continually strengthen its Brand position and maximize its sales and profitability.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Achieves management staffing and development goals to plan
  - Has active succession plan in place for all positions
  - Improves employee morale through monitoring and showing urgency in caring for employees.
  - Improves staff performance through frequent personal and team coaching
  - Reduces incidences and claims by making safety everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financials:
  - Achieves sales and profit targets to plan
  - Corrects daily financial deficiencies with urgency.
  - Drives year-over-year growth in sales and profit
- Operations:
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Corrects all asset deficiencies with urgency
  - Eliminates any potential for liability with urgency
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 50 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Skills
- Analytical: Able to analyze reports and correct deficient areas efficiently.
- Problem Solving: Able to implement TOSIDPAR problem solving techniques to achieve desired results.
- Organization & Planning: Able to organize priorities and develop/execute plans achieving desired results.
- Coaching: Able to develop the skills of subordinates to perform at a higher level
- Team Building: Able to stabilize staffing and build team bench.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Assistant Restaurant General Manager (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 40-45 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Assistant Restaurant General Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The ARGM assists the RGM in the achievement of the people, financial and operational goals of the restaurant.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan.
  - Displays urgency to correct daily financial control deficiencies
  - Strives to drive year-upon-year growth in sales and profits
- Operations
  - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Ensures facilities are maintained to franchise standard on a daily basis
  - Displays awareness of asset deficiencies and urgency to correct them
  - Displays awareness and urgency to eliminate any potential for liability
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 40 - 45 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Shift Manager (2)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Assistant Restaurant General Manager (ARGM)
Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Shift Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The SM assists the RGM in the achievement of the restaurant's people, operational and financial goals.

Essential Accountabilities
- People
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance to all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan
  - Displays urgency in correcting daily financial control deficiencies
- Operations
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Delivery Driver (7)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Part Time, Non-Exempt, less than 32 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Manager In Charge (MIC) / Dispatcher

Summary of Responsibilities
Delivers customer's order in a timely and safe manner within accordance of Pizza Hut guidelines and compliance with State and Federal traffic laws.

Essential Functions
- Drives competently and complies with all traffic laws.
- Delivers products in a timely manner with accuracy and courteousness.
- Collects checks, cash or credit card slips to properly tender order.
- Performs secondary duties such as washing dishes, cleaning, prep and cooking duties.
- Keeps car and work area clean and organized throughout shift.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred.

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license with a minimum of 2 years driving experience. Must have an acceptable driving record. Must provide own insured vehicle for deliveries. Able to read and follow road maps. Must be able to speak, read, write and understand English. Must be able to communicate clearly, courteously and efficiently with customers.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for a minimum of four hours. Requires driving, standing and walking for most of the workday. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. occasionally.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

EMPLOYER'S RIGHTS: *This job description does not list all the duties of the job. You may be asked by your supervisors or managers to perform other duties. You will be evaluated in part based upon your performance of the tasks listed in this job description. The employer has the right to revise this job description at any time. The job description is not a contract for employment, and either you or the employer may terminate employment at any time, for any reason.*

All interested applicants may get application at Pizza Hut Restaurant in Gualo Rai • Closing Date: August 28, 2015

Hundreds line up for Lions Club relief items

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Hundreds of residents lined up for the Lions Club International District 204's distribution of relief items at the Saipan Mayor's Office last Saturday.

Some people lined up as early as 1am to make sure they will be able to get numbers as only 500 people were set to be given aid initially.

"It was a bit hard to control the crowd, especially those people who were not able to get the numbers since we can only guarantee the first 500 families. We are really hoping we can give to all who showed up but at least only few people went home empty-handed," Region 2 chair Ladyvir Canape said.

Bags with goods such as rice, bottled water, luncheon meat, noodles, crackers, tuna chunks, batteries, flashlights, toilet tissue, diapers, blankets, baby wipes, gum, and towels were given away.

"We gathered this one, very short, about four days in Guam. We got a $10,000 LCIF grant, $7,000 from Guam Lions, and then the business owners' donations. So a total of this one is about $24,000 worth," said district governor Daniel Yang, who came to Saipan for the distribution.

Other delegates from Guam came as well such as 2nd vice district governor Art Navarro, past district governor Goring Duenas, and PDG Herbie Perez to assist the Saipan Fil-American Lions Club, Saipan Marianas Lions Club, and Saipan Unity Lions Club.

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Over 500 individuals in Saipan received relief items as the Lions Club International distributed at the Saipan Mayor's Office last Saturday.

After the relief distribution, Lions Clubs members went to the Commonwealth Health Center to donate eight cases of baby wipes, five cases of diapers, and eight cases of bottled water.

This is not the first time that the Lions Club donated to victims of Typhoon Soudelor and, according to Yang, last Saturday won't be the last one.

"We have another one worth $5,000 in a couple weeks with Sen. Dennis Rodriguez. He's with the Lions also. We'll donate here again," Yang told *Saipan Tribune.*

"In the event that we can get funds and donations from Lions Clubs again, we will be happy to distribute again, knowing that help is still needed until we are fully recovered from our situation now," Region 2 PRO and SFALC president Annamae Adaza said.

The Lions Club's donors and sponsors included Marianas Express Lines, Dependable Global Express, the Korean Association of Guam, Masonic Lodge of Guam, Onward Mangilao Golf Club, Younex Corp., Copy Express, National Office Supply, Magic Lamp, Wellness Pure Water, Division of Customs, Saipan Stevedore Co., CPA, CTSI, Cosmos, Emergency Management Office, and the Saipan Mayor's Office.

WORLD RESORT

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE: August 21, 2015
CLOSE DATE: September 4, 2015
POSITION: Lifeguard
SALARY: $6.05 - $6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Obtaining a lifeguard certification will be required for continued employment for the lifeguard position. Must have a friendly and outgoing personality. Six (6) positions are currently available for the lifeguard position.

OPEN DATE: August 21, 2015
CLOSE DATE: September 4, 2015
POSITION: Water Park Cashier
SALARY: $6.05 - $6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two years experience in a cashier type occupation perferred. Must have a friendly and outgoing personality. Three (3) positions are currently available for the water park cashier position.

OPEN DATE: August 21, 2015
CLOSE DATE: September 4, 2015
POSITION: Server
SALARY: $6.05 - $6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in food service preferred. Position will require employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment. Friendly personality, willingness to serve and a readily smiling individual highly preferred. Four (4) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: August 21, 2015
CLOSE DATE: September 4, 2015
POSITION: Human Resources Clerk
SALARY: $6.05 - $6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in human resources or administrative preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide support, friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: August 21, 2015
CLOSE DATE: September 4, 2015
POSITION: Front Desk Clerk
SALARY: $6.05 - $6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in a hotel front desk and/ or concierge position strongly preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: August 21, 2015
CLOSE DATE: September 4, 2015
POSITION: Cook
SALARY: $6.05 - $6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Two years of formal training/education in culinary arts required. Position requires employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment. Four (4) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: August 21, 2015
CLOSE DATE: September 4, 2015
POSITION: Mechanic & Electrician
SALARY: $6.05 - $6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum of two (2) years of formal mechanical experience or mechanical training is required. Two years of experience in related field strongly preferred. Two (2) positions are currently available for the mechanic position. Two (2) positions are currently available for the electrician position.

For more information, please contact the Human Resources Team at (670) 234-5900 ext. 274/266/576.
Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle/Water Park. Applicants must submit the completed form and all the necessary requirements to the Security Office. Incomplete application will not be accepted by the Security Office.

Century Insurance Company, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accountant
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 3 years work-related experience in insurance financial management and payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivable, payable, and payroll management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, GENIISYS and MS Word and Excel software. Payroll accountant must possess experience in electronic processing of timesheets, allotments, and standard and government deductions. Must be able to work under time pressure and flexible hours.

Accounting Manager
Bachelor's degree in Business Administration major in accounting with a minimum 5 years experience in insurance financial management and possess good management ability. Proficient in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SAP R3 FICO system, and the insurance Geniisys program. Must possess good understanding of government and regulatory compliance procedures and requirements, excellent communication skills, as well as experience in interpreting financial reports.

General Manager
Bachelor's Degree plus 10 years experience in the insurance business, at least 5 years of that as a general or operations manager in an insurance company. Must possess experience in managing technical underwriting including actual undertaking of risk analysis through risk survey and/or inspections of huge risks. Must have experience in managing reinsurance transactions with reinsurance brokers and reinsurers which involves undertaking of PML, Catastrophe Modeling, Setting Company Risk Retention. Must also be experienced in managing insurance claims handling including setting up of loss reserves in overseeing Claims Manager functions.

System Analyst
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science/Technology or Management Information Systems with a minimum 4 years experience in computer systems and programming. Must possess a broad knowledge and experience in computer systems, strong problem-solving and analytical skills, and the ability to think logically. Must have knowledge in Oracle server and programming, and a strong experience in insurance database and program – GENIISYS and an in-depth experience in insurance business operations. Must have good interpersonal and communication skills.

Underwriting and Claims Supervisor
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree plus 5 years of work experience in insurance business particularly in claims, underwriting, and reinsurance. Must also have knowledge, skills and ability to analyze and manipulate enterprise risk management. Must possess above average communication skills, a working knowledge of MS Word and Excel and the insurance software GENIISYS. Must be willing to take cross-functional assignments and adapt to changes necessary for the effective functioning of the organization's business operations.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Thursday, September 3, 2015.

Century Insurance Company, Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

PH govt checks on status of Filipinos in CNMI

A team from the Philippine government's Department of Foreign Affairs recently visited the Commonwealth and paid a courtesy call on the CNMI government.

The DFA representatives and Glicerio "Eli" Arago, Philippine honorary consul of the Philippines for the CNMI, met with Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres on Friday.

Torres said the CNMI government remains "committed to help the Filipino community" in the CNMI.

Arago said the main purpose of the visit was to assess the situation of Filipinos affected by Typhoon Soudelor

"Their purpose is to see the conditions of Filipinos, especially migrant workers, at the same time check on the condition of Filipinos who are in prison," Arago said.

Arago said the DFA team will go around Saipan for the assessment activities and will visit villages and shelters.

"So far, they are just assessing the condition, they want to see if they are OK or not," Arago said.

The DFA will also see what kind of assistance can be extended to affected Filipino families. But Arago said this will depend on the assessment.

"The DFA is not promising anything, but that's the main purpose of the visit—to assess and determine what kind of assistance can be given," he said.

According to Arago, there is no specific data on the number of Filipinos affected by Typhoon Soudelor.

"We do not have the number, but we are trying to get it. We understand that there are some Filipinos still shelters," Arago said.

He pointed out that Filipinos could still avail of assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Nutrition Assistance Program, and the American Red Cross, among others.

"There are also a lot of private organizations that are currently conducting their own assistance activities," Arago said.

The DFA team on Friday also had a scheduled meeting with the Office of the Attorney General and the CNMI Department of Corrections.

As of the latest survey, some 10,000 Filipinos are living in the CNMI. The bulk work for local companies under CW1 visas. ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, center, and Glicerio Arago, honorary consul of the Philippines to the CNMI, seated, second from left, meet with representatives from the Philippine government's Department of Foreign Affairs on Capital Hill on Friday.
JOEL PINAROC

Bus driver in crash has numerous traffic cases

Fernando C. Estella, the driver of a tour bus that rammed a van being driven by *Saipan Tribune* sportswriter Jonathan Perez, had numerous prior traffic offenses and two criminal cases, according to court documents.

Perez, 38, survived the serious vehicular accident with a fractured left clavicle and bruises on the left side of his face.

Estella, 35, of Tasi Tours, was issued traffic citations for failure to yield and other violation.

According to court documents obtained by *Saipan Tribune* last week, Estella had four cases of violating speed limits from 2001 to 2003. He also had three cases of reckless driving from 2005 to 2015. All were dismissed except one reckless driving case, which is still pending.

From 2000 to 2014, Estella had 15 various cases of traffic offences—expired car registration, soliciting rides, not having safety belts on passenger, not obeying traffic signs, violating traffic signals, noisy mufflers, car safety inspection, and overtaking on the left. Most of the cases were already disposed, while others were dismissed and in one case he was given a written warning.

In his criminal cases, Estella had one theft case in 2009 and one assault with a dangerous weapon in 2012. Both cases were dismissed without prejudice. It means that the government may re-file the cases in the future.

Estella had four small claims cases from 2004 to 2008. All were also disposed of. He had two civil cases for breach of contract and damages in 2007 and 2010. The 2007 case was disposed, while in the 2010 civil matter, the court issued a bench warrant for his arrest on Nov. 7, 2013, according to court papers.

The tourist bus driven by Estella rammed Perez's 2005 Mazda MPV van along Chalan Pale Arnold traffic lights in front of Bank of Hawaii in Garapan/Puerto Rico in the afternoon of July 31, 2015.

The bus dragged the van, causing it to spin and fall into a ditch about 4 feet deep on the shoulder of the road. Medics brought Perez to the hospital.

Asked by a traffic investigator what was his speed at that time, Estella replied that the bus speedometer was broken, according to a police report. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Container for Hawaii relief drive nearly full

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

Former CNMI residents who now reside in Hawaii held a successful relief drive for their home islands as the container they will be shipping for victims of Typhoon Soudelor is close to being full. The relief drive started Friday and ended yesterday, Aug. 23.

Lawrence "L.J." Duenas, who created the public group, said they nearly filled up the 40-foot container on their first day alone.

The group has been able to secure a 40-foot container from Matson Navigation, while Pacific Transfer of Hawaii—a trucking company—will transport the container.

Although American Red Cross CNMI Chapter would not be able to receive the container here on Saipan, Duenas said he has contacted Empty Vessel Ministry volunteer Diana Benavente to receive the container.

One member of the group, Carina Train, separately set up an Indiegogo fundraising campaign for Saipan. Train, born and raised on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, had the opportunity to live on Saipan for a few years.

Train's campaign, called "Sending ALOHA to Saipan," targets to raise $1,500 for Saipan. So far it has been able to raise $805.

On behalf of Empty Vessel Ministry, Benavente thanked Duenas, Belvilyn Fleming, Carina Train, Dion Mesta, Joe Lifoifoi, Jay Aldan, and others behind the relief drive.

"With the help from Matson Navigation, Pacific Transfer, Safeway, former Honolulu mayor Mufi Hannemann, Sen. Glenn Wakai, and the Hawaii community, they are anticipating a bountiful and successful drive to collect relief items that are in need here on Saipan," Benavented said.

"Our people, no matter the distance or time, hold dear to their heart the root of our upbringing and perseverance of our island community. This, I feel is the underlying force behind all their efforts and I commend them for that," she added.

Wife with wandering husband must track down legal advice

DEAR ABBY
By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR ABBY: I'm nearly 100 percent sure my husband is cheating on me. I tracked him a couple of times using the GPS on his phone and saw he wasn't where he told me he would be. I know he has a female acquaintance who lives in the general area of where he was, so I did a little investigating. Sure enough, she lives exactly where he was. I don't know whether to confront him now, or wait to try to catch him at her house so there will be no denying it.

My husband is the last person on Earth I thought would cheat. When it comes to everything else in life, he's a man of high standards and integrity. I'm afraid to be on my own because I never have been. I don't see how I/we can afford a divorce. Please help!

IN SHOCK IN FLORIDA

DEAR IN SHOCK: You must have suspected that something wasn't right, or you wouldn't have been tracking your husband's whereabouts. Now that you know for certain he hasn't been truthful, protect yourself by consulting an attorney who specializes in family law.

This does not mean I'm suggesting you divorce your husband. However, you WILL be enlightened about what your rights are as his wife. Armed with that information, if you decide to drop by the woman's house while your husband is there and confront them, it may help your husband recognize that a divorce isn't in his financial interest and give him an incentive to repair your marriage.

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DEAR ABBY: Would it be rude to invite someone to a festive occasion weeks after he or she lost a loved one? Is there a time frame or an etiquette reference? It seems callous to issue an invitation, but if I didn't, I'd feel like I'm shunning or forgetting the person. I am looking for a mature way to approach this. Have you any thoughts you can offer?

TREADING LIGHTLY IN N.Y.C.

DEAR TREADING LIGHTLY: Call the person and say you are thinking about him or her, and ask how your friend is doing. During the conversation, allude to the fact that you'll be having a celebration and mention that if he or she is feeling up to it, the invitation is open.

Your friend may surprise you and accept because there is no timetable for grief, and much of the grieving may have been done while the deceased was alive and ailing. However, if your friend declines, at least he/she will know you were thinking about him/her, and that's very important at a time like this.

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DEAR ABBY: Our bright, attractive daughter recently told us that she's seeing a transgender man. For financial reasons, this man has not had a complete sex change. He still has a female body part. This has caused deep division within our family because, while we love our daughter, we also refuse to see this as being "normal" and believe it will have a negative impact on our daughter professionally. Please advise.

LIVING A NIGHTMARE IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR LIVING A NIGHTMARE: Unless the person your daughter is seeing wears a sign describing his genitalia, your daughter's career should not be affected. This should be nobody's business -- including yours. Because you love your daughter, concentrate less on what's "missing" and more on what they share together and the happiness they bring each other, and you'll all be better off.

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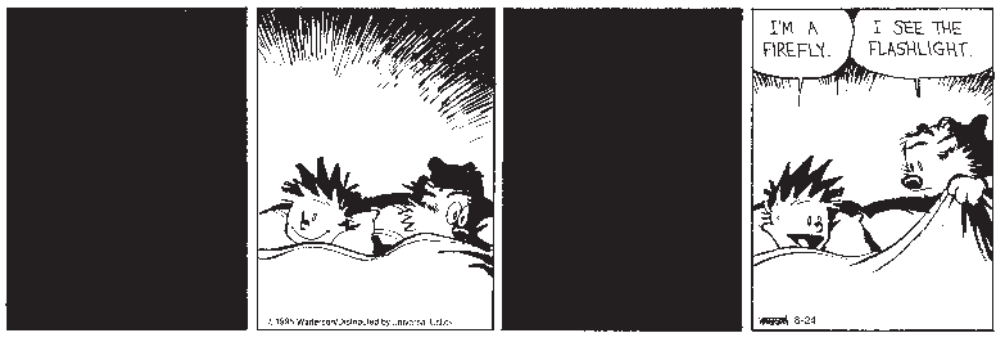
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



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By Jim Davis

WE SHOULD TAKE UP MEDITATION
GREAT IDEA
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THAT'S NOT MEDITATION
WHA?-YOU WOKE ME BEFORE I ACHIEVED A HIGHER STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS
JIM DAVIS 8-24

Adam@Home

By Bryan Basset

CAN WE CAMP IN THE BACKYARD TONIGHT?
SURE. WHY NOT?
AND CAN WE TELL GHOST STORIES?
ABSOLUTELY.
OOH, GOOD. I'VE BEEN WORKING ON A DOOZIE.
IT'S SCARY?
OH, IT'S A THRILL FEST. NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART.
I'LL BRING MY DEFIBRILLATOR.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CONGRATULATIONS. YOU'VE JUST BEEN NAMED THE "LAZIEST GUY OF THE YEAR." THE AWARDS DINNER IS TOMORROW NIGHT.
WOULD YOU MIND PICKING UP THE TROPHY FOR ME?

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Ali —
5 Spanish article
8 Surrounded by
12 Plentiful
14 Paddock papa
15 Morning-after woe
16 PC picture
17 Meadow
18 The same amount
20 Peptic problem
23 One-time Yugoslav leader
24 Twosome
25 Exceed a limit
28 Hot tub
29 Get more magazines
30 Rotation duration
32 Hollow quick pastry
34 Stupor
35 Falsifier
36 GSN telecasts
37 Preserve to protect from decay
40 Diving bird
41 Change
42 Sweater type
47 Birthright barterer
48 Volcanic boom
49 Flight component
50 Poorly lit
51 Actress Paquin

DOWN
1 Scrooge's cry
2 Lawyers' org.
3 Chignon
4 Fisherman
5 Outflow from 48-Across
6 Indivisible
7 Sieve
8 "I, Robot" author
9 Isinglass
10 Press
11 Say it isn't so
13 Active person
19 Pack cargo
20 Boom times
21 Arctic European
22 "Arrivederci"
23 Piano man?
25 Made quite a few changes
26 Cheese choice
27 Demolish
29 Anger
31 "Of course"
33 Emphasize
34 Actress Fanning
36 Swallow hard
37 Prior nights
38 Sail support
39 Highland hillside
40 Astringent
43 Mentalist Geller
44 Sportscaster Scully
45 A billion years
46 Genetic substance

Solution time: 26 mins.

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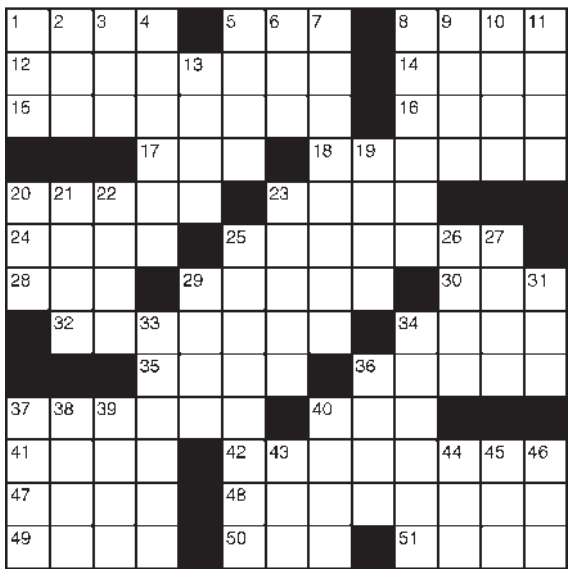
Friday's answer 8-24



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Rupert Grint, 27; Alex O'Loughlin, 39; Dave Chappelle, 42; Marlee Matlin, 50.

Happy Birthday: Uncertainty will prevail this year if you let emotional matters take over. Step away from any trouble that arises until you feel you can see your situation more objectively. Changes should be made only if you have a practical plan in place. Motives are best checked first when dealing with partnerships. Don't expect everyone to be honest or to honor promises. Your numbers are 9, 12, 17, 25, 37, 41, 49.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Use creative expression to reach your goals. It's how you approach others and the way you present who you are that will bring you closer to the success you are searching for. Make romance a priority. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Try to keep things running smoothly at home. Now is not the time to rock the boat or take on physical tasks that are too challenging. Concentrate on gathering facts that will help you gain respect and popularity. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Indecision will surface due to conflicting options. Don't make a decision based on what other people want. Consider what will make you happy and feel your best about who you are and how you look. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): An open mind will lead to knowledge and future prospects. Set up a place at home that is conducive to developing the projects you want to pursue. An encounter with someone with similar goals will result in a trusted alliance. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Mix business with pleasure and you will advance. Express your feelings and show passion in all that you do, and people will take note. A proactive approach both personally and professionally will separate you from the competition. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You will face opposition at an emotional level. Do your own thing and forget about discussing your plans until you feel certain that you can do so in a practical manner. Walk away from any situation that leaves you feeling vulnerable. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): An emotional situation will cost you if you are impulsive or give in to manipulation. Stand up for your rights and make sure you do what's best for you. Concentrate on personal improvements and being with the people you love. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Revisit your past goals. Get involved in an event or activity that will bring you closer to your dreams. Keep an open mind and develop a creative strategy and you will bring about a positive change. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You'll find it difficult to make up your mind. Don't act hastily just because someone puts pressure on you. Step back and do your best to physically prepare for any challenges you see coming. Avoid emotional disputes. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): The less said about your plans, the better. Develop your game plan and initiate what you want to see happen. It's important to remain in control if you want to reach your goals. A financial gain will come from an unexpected source. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Take charge and do your thing. Don't let uncertainty creep into your head when it's important that you follow through with your plans. A positive change in an important relationship will unfold if you exhibit confidence. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Make sure you have your facts straight before you share information with someone you want to partner with. It's important that you are open to suggestions and willing to compromise. Honesty will play a major role in your ability to find success. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are practical, intelligent and open-minded. You are courageous and compassionate.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

9			2					5
	1	7	4	8		3	9	
	6						1	
			8		4		7	9
	8						6	
6	4		5		1			
	5						3	
	7	4		9	2	6	5	
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Difficulty Level ★ 8/24

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

6	2	9	4	1	8	7	5	3
4	5	1	6	3	7	8	2	9
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2	1	5	9	7	3	6	4	8
3	9	4	1	8	6	2	7	5
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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 8/23

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

REGIONAL PLAYOFFS — Solution: 7 letters

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C	C	Q	U	A	L	I	T	Y	P	F	J	U	W	N
C	F	L	O	G	S	C	O	R	E	U	R	N	L	N
E	L	U	D	E	H	C	S	R	D	N	O	D	I	I
R	N	R	E	T	S	A	E	G	A	E	Y	R	N	S
N	R	E	E	H	C	E	E	M	S	E	M	A	G	U
R	A	D	(F)	O	P	S	E	S	S	G	O	A	L	M
E	U	G	(A)	E	L	N	O	H	C	T	A	M	K	P
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W	I	Y	L	O	S	R	O	T	A	T	C	E	P	S
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Last Friday's Answer: Eucharist

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Must be a high school diploma with a minimum of five (5) years' experience. Must know how to Installs and repairs air conditioners, heaters and refrigerators in residences and businesses.
Monitor and fix various aspects of such household appliances with tools specific to the trade, and often need to install attachments, such as hoses or electrical wiring.

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Must be a high school diploma with a minimum of five (5) years' experience. Inspect, maintain, repair, and replace building mechanical and electrical systems. Know how to work and access control systems, building heating and refrigeration systems, fire detection and protection systems, and other building mechanical and electrical systems.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUCEMENT
Open Date: August 21, 2015
Close Date: August 28, 2015
Position: (1) Accounting Officer
Salary: $2,250 to $2,500 per month
Qualification: College Graduate (5) yrs experience
Link:http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/13-2011.01
Fax resume to (670) 433-4329 on or before August 28, 2015.

Kanoa Resort
Saipan

International Cook (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma; graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. At least three (3) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Must be able to prepare, season, and cook a wide range of international dishes such as soups, meats, vegetables, salads, entrees, and desserts in the Resort. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our resort. To be considered, applicants must be submitted not later than August 26, 2015. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Open Date: August 21, 2015
Close Date: August 28, 2015

Position: (1) Supervisor
Salary: $1,500 per month
Qualification: High school graduate or vocational (5) yrs experience
Link:
http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/41-1011.00

Position: (1) Office Manager
Salary: $1,500 per month
Qualification: AA degree/college graduate (5) yrs experience
Link:
http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/43-1011.00

Position: (1) Mechanic
Salary: $6.05 to $6.55 per hour
Qualification: High school graduate or vocational (3) yrs experience
Link:
http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/49-3052.00

Position: (1) Custodial Worker
Salary: $6.05 to $6.55 per hour
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent (3) yrs experience
Link:
http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/37-2011.00

Position: (1) Welder
Salary: $6.05 to $6.55 per hour
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent (3) yrs experience
Link:
http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/51-4121.06

Position: (1) Heavy Equipment Mechanic
Salary: $6.05 to $6.55 per hour
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent (3) yrs experience
Link:
http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/49-3042.00

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Five (5) TECHNICIANS-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION
- Install, service and repair of Central Air-conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Systems
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- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
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- EPA Section 608 (Preferred)
- Maintenance Technician & Electrical Safety Course in accordance with 29CFR 1910 Standard (Certification required)
- Must possess good communication skill

One (1) HEAD TECHNICIAN-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION
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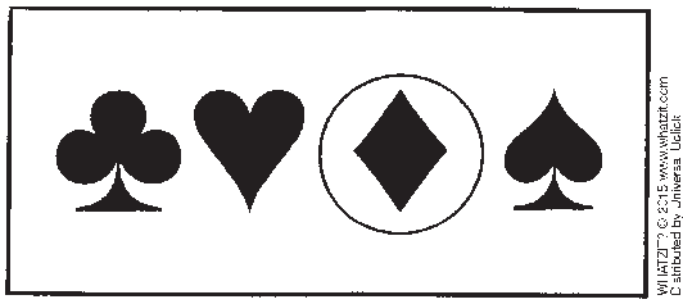

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Kazmir pitches Astros over Greinke, Dodgers, 3-1

HOUSTON (AP)—Scott Kazmir pitched six solid innings, and Jose Altuve and Luis Valbuena homered as the Houston Astros defeated Zack Greinke and the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-1 Saturday night.

A night after teammate Mike Fiers pitched a no-hitter against the Dodgers, Kazmir (7-8) didn't permit a runner until Jimmy Rollins singled to start the fourth inning.

The Astros won a matchup of division leaders and ended an eight-game winning streak by Greinke (13-3).

Kazmir rebounded from his worst start with the Astros, giving up one run and six hits while striking out eight.

Relievers Will Harris and Pat Neshek each pitched a perfect inning and Luke Gregerson worked the ninth for his 24th save.

AP

Houston Astros' Scott Kazmir delivers a pitch against the Los Angeles Dodgers during the fifth inning of a baseball game Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015, in Houston.

Mets 14, Rockies 9

In Denver, the New York Mets roughed up the Colorado Rockies by the exact same score for the second straight day, with Juan Uribe homering to start an eight-run burst in the third inning.

The NL East leaders got a season high-tying 21 hits, including 10 for extra bases. Every New York starter had at least one hit, with pitcher Jonathon Niese (8-9) delivering a two-run single in the big third.

Coming off his first career shutout, Chris Rusin (4-6) went two-plus innings and allowed 11 runs and 12 hits, eight of them doubles.

Blue Jays 15, Angels 3

In Anaheim, California, Josh Donaldson went 4 for 5 with a three-run homer, driving in six runs and propelling Toronto to its 18th victory in 22 games.

Jose Bautista had a two-run triple during a seven-run fourth inning by the streaking Blue Jays. They followed up their 9-2 win at the Big A on Friday with the highest-scoring performance in three years by the majors' most productive offense.

Amid "M-V-P!" chants from the visitors' fans in Mike Trout's home stadium, Donaldson drove in six runs in a three-inning span, giving him 100 RBIs for the first time in his career.

He sent his 34th homer deep into the bullpens beyond left field in the third inning before delivering a two-run single in the fourth and an RBI double in the fifth.

Pirates 3, Giants 2

In Pittsburgh, Starling Marte hit a solo home run off George Kontos with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting Pittsburgh over San Francisco.

Kang Jung-ho hit a pair of solo homers for the Pirates in the matchup of playoff contenders.

Marte sent the first pitch he saw from Kontos (2-2) into the sun-drenched seats in left field for his second career walkoff hit. Mark Melancon (3-1) needed six pitches to get through the top of the ninth.

Yankees 6, Indians 2

In New York, Luis Severino earned his first major league win, getting all the support he needed in the first inning on a pair of home runs from Brett Gardner and Brian McCann as the New York Yankees beat Cleveland.

Making his fourth career start, the 21-year-old Severino (1-2) gave up a one-out homer in the first to fellow rookie Francisco Lindor, but yielded only two singles and four walks in the remainder of his gritty innings.

Danny Salazar (11-7) took the loss.

The Yankees retired the No. 20 of former catcher Jorge Posada before the game.

Royals 6, Red Sox 3

In Boston, Salvador Perez hit a three-run homer, Yordano Ventura pitched six effective innings as AL Central-leading Kansas City ended Boston's four-game winning streak.

Ventura (8-7) gave up one run and six hits, striking out six. He improved to 4-0 in his last six starts.

Greg Holland got Travis Shaw to pop out with the bases loaded for final out, earning his 28th save.

Mookie Betts hit a solo homer and David Ortiz had two singles and three walks for the Red Sox.

Leading 2-0 in the sixth, the Royals chased Matt Barnes (3-4) when Perez homered.

Twins 3, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, Byron Buxton picked up his first major league RBI with a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning as Minnesota beat Baltimore.

After overcoming a two-run deficit in the eighth on Friday night, Minnesota handed Chris Tillman (9-8) his first loss since May 31.

The Twins have won seven straight over Baltimore dating to last season. They are 6-0 against the Orioles this season.

Casey Fien (4-5) pitched 1 1-3 innings to earn his second win in two nights. He entered in the sixth and struck out Manny Machado with the bases loaded and two outs.

Kevin Jepsen got three straight outs for his eighth save.

Rangers 5, Tigers 3

In Detroit, Yovani Gallardo took a shutout into the seventh inning as Texas spoiled Randy Wolf's return to the majors by defeating Detroit.

Gallardo (10-9) allowed eight hits in six-plus innings. The Tigers didn't score until Ian Kinsler's three-run homer with two outs in the ninth.

Wolf (0-1) gave up three earned runs and nine hits in seven innings in his first major league start since June 2014. Wolf, who turned 39 on Saturday, was acquired by Detroit in a trade with Toronto on Thursday.

Cubs 9, Braves 7

In Chicago, Miguel Montero and Jorge Soler hit back-to-back home runs and the eighth inning as the Chicago Cubs beat Atlanta for their third straight win.

Nick Swisher homered from both sides of the plate in the Braves' sixth loss in a row.

Montero and Soler connected off Edwin Jackson (2-2), released by the Cubs last month. Addison Russell and Anthony Rizzo homered earlier for Chicago.

Swisher connected left-handed and right-handed in the same game for the 14th time, tying Mark Teixeira for most ever.

Pedro Strop (2-6) got the win. Hector Rondon pitched the ninth for his 23rd save in 27 chances.

Nationals 6, Brewers 1

In Washington, Anthony Rendon homered and doubled to drive in two runs, and rookie Joe Ross allowed one run in seven innings as Washington beat Milwaukee.

Michael Taylor hit a home run for the third straight night, connecting on a two-run shot for Washington, which had lost eight of 10.

Ross (4-5), 0-2 with a 9.35 ERA in his two previous starts, gave up six hits, struck out four and didn't walk a batter.

Taylor Jungmann (7-5) endured his worst outing of the season. He went four innings, allowing five runs and seven hits.

Diamondbacks 11, Reds 7

In Cincinnati, Paul Goldschmidt hit a pair of two-run homers and Ender Inciarte homered as Arizona handed Cincinnati its eighth straight loss.

Goldschmidt, who hadn't homered since July 27, had the seventh multihomer game of his career and finished with four hits and three runs.

All-Star center fielder A.J. Pollock followed his back-to-back four-hit games by going 3 for 5 and scoring two runs for Arizona.

Zack Godley (4-0) allowed one run in 3 2-3 innings. Daniel Hudson got two outs for his second save.

Anthony DeSclafani (7-9) took the loss.

Phillies 4, Marlins 2

In Miami, Aaron Altherr and Darin Ruf hit back-to-back solo home runs in the ninth inning, sending Philadelphia past Miami.

Altherr broke the tie with a homer off A.J. Ramos (1-4). Ruf followed with a homer on the next pitch to give the Phillies consecutive homers for the first time this season.

Elvis Araujo (2-1) got the final out of the eighth inning to earn the win. Ken Giles pitched a perfect ninth for his ninth save in 12 chances.

Padres 8, Cardinals 0

In San Diego, Ian Kennedy combined with five relievers on an eight-hitter, and Matt Kemp and Justin Upton keyed a seven-run seventh inning, leading San Diego over St. Louis.

The Padres, who have won nine of 11, tied their season high with their fifth straight win.

Kennedy (8-11) allowed the first two runners to reach base in the seventh before three relievers each struck out a batter.

Carlos Martinez (12-6) lost his second straight start.

Rays 5, Athletics 4

In Oakland, California, Asdrubal Cabrera homered and then hit a two-run double in the ninth inning as Tampa Bay rallied past Oakland.

The Rays got just five hits off A's starter Sonny Gray before coming back for their first win this season when trailing going into the ninth.

Daniel Nava, a replacement after James Loney was ejected, drew a one-out walk against switch-pitcher Pat Venditte (0-2). Logan Forsythe doubled and Cabrera, who hit a solo shot in the seventh, doubled on the first pitch from Drew Pomeranz.

Alex Colome (6-4) recorded six outs for the win.

White Sox 6, Mariners 3, 10 innings

In Seattle, Chicago scored two runs in the ninth inning to tie the game and then took advantage of the Seattle bullpen's wildness for a three-run 10th to beat the Mariners.

After tying the game against Carson Smith on Alexei Ramirez's RBI single and pinch-hitter Adam LaRoche's groundout, Tyler Saladino walked to open the 10th against Danny Farquhar (0-4), who failed to retire any of the four batters he faced.

Jose Abreu followed with a double off the wall in right-center. Melky Cabrera was walked intentionally to load the bases and Garcia walked to force in a run that made it 4-3.

Edgar Olmos relieved and after an out, Cabrera scored on a passed ball by Mike Zunino to make it 5-3. Ramirez reached on a fielding error by second baseman Robinson Cano to reload the bases and Garcia then scored on Carlos Sanchez's fielder's choice.

Nate Jones (1-0) pitched the ninth and David Robertson worked the 10th for his 25th save.

Source: J.R. Smith agrees to new contract with Cavs

CLEVELAND (AP)—J.R. Smith looked around and realized there was no place like Cleveland.

The free-wheeling and enigmatic shooter has agreed to re-sign with the Cavaliers, a person familiar with the decision told the Associated Press on Thursday night. Smith, who declined his $6.8 million player option shortly after the season, considered other options before returning to Cleveland, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the contract has not yet been signed.

Smith came to the Cavs along with Iman Shumpert in a trade with the New York Knicks last season. Smith averaged 12.7 points in 46 regular-season games with Cleveland, and seemed to fit in nicely as well as bond with star LeBron James.

During the playoffs, Smith was forced into a more prominent role following injuries to Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving and averaged 12.8 points in 18 games, starting four. He was also suspended for two games for hitting Celtics forward Jae Crowder in the face.

Smith announced his return on his Instagram account.

"It's been a long ride this summer but I can say for sure, well worth the wait," Smith said. "When I opted out of my contract, I wanted to understand the landscape of the NBA and where I fit best. The Cavaliers had things they needed to do in order to piece together a championship caliber roster. I ended up deciding that instead of potentially securing a larger deal elsewhere, I wanted to rejoin an incredible organization in pursuit of the ultimate goal, an NBA championship."

The Cavs are still hoping to sign forward Tristan Thompson, a restricted free agent.

Denied release for now, Oscar Pistorius remains controversial

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP)—Messages on the Twitter page of South Africa's ruling party, the African National Congress, demand that "convicted murderer" Oscar Pistorius be denied early release from jail.

As well as being wrong—Pistorius was convicted of manslaughter, not murder in Reeva Steenkamp's killing—they show the public outcry and political pressure that South African authorities face in Pistorius' case, specifically whether the former star athlete should be released early from prison.

Pistorius' planned release was suddenly blocked by the Department of Justice, just two days before he was due to move to house arrest. Pistorius' discharge had been approved in the same way as thousands of other offenders, according to legal and prisoner rehabilitation experts.

"It smacks of political interference," said Marius du Toit, a defense lawyer and former state prosecutor. Du Toit thinks Pistorius is now being unfairly treated because of the high profile of his case, which has stoked emotional reactions.

"The problem is the public is seeing Oscar Pistorius being released," Du Toit said. "They think he is getting away with murder."

Pistorius' case fascinated live television audiences across the world during a seven-month murder trial last year and commanded more attention than the nearly 50 other killings that happen daily in South Africa.

The double-amputee Olympic runner's wealth and fame was an advantage, allowing him to employ a high-powered legal team. Pistorius was acquitted of murder and instead convicted of a lesser charge of culpable homicide, an unintentional but still unlawful killing comparable to manslaughter.

Even in prison over the last 10 months, Pistorius had privileges others didn't, according to reports. He was held away from the general population in a hospital wing at the high-security Kgosi Mampuru II prison in Pretoria. Authorities reportedly also gave him a new bed, built him a bath and provided him with a gym.

Now fame may be hurting Pistorius.

South Africans—from political activists to ordinary citizens—expressed outrage that Pistorius was eligible for release to house arrest after serving 10 months of his five-year sentence. Days after receiving a petition from a women's group calling Pistorius' release an "insult," the Department of Justice intervened and blocked it.

Woods 2 strokes behind Gore after 3rd round at Wyndham

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)—Tiger Woods couldn't have asked for much more at his first Wyndham Championship.

He's playing with confidence. His scores show it. And now he'll play a Sunday round that matters.

Woods shot a 2-under 68 in the third round Saturday, leaving him two strokes behind leader and longtime friend Jason Gore in a three-way tie for second.

Gore had a career-best 62 to reach 15-under 195 at Sedgefield Country Club.

"I need to go out there tomorrow and make a run and get myself up there and make some birdies," Woods said. "There's a bunch of guys ... at 13 (under). There's a whole slew of guys at 12, 11, 10. Anybody can make a run and shoot the score Jason and Jonas (Blixt) did."

Woods—whose streak of 28 holes without a bogey ended on the 18th when his 6-foot par putt lipped out—reeled off 10 straight pars before briefly moving within one stroke of Gore with a birdie on the par-3 16th.

"I felt very steady from the word `go,'" Woods said.

Blixt and Scott Brown joined Woods at 13 under. Blixt shot a career-best 62, and Brown had a 66.

AP

Tiger Woods hits from the fairway to the 18th green during the third round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015.

Former Wyndham winners Webb Simpson (64) and Brandt Snedeker (67) were three strokes back along with Paul Casey (66), Jim Herman (66) and Cameron Percy (67).

Woods was poised to make a run at his first win in more than two years - one that would earn him enough points to clinch a spot in the FedEx Cup playoffs opener next week in New Jersey. Depending on the math, a solo second-place finish also might be enough for Woods, who's at No. 187.

"I think it's awesome to see him playing well again, to see him playing like Tiger Woods," Gore said, "because that's what we all want to see."

He also moved one step closer to his 80th PGA Tour victory—and first since the 2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational.

Playing the Wyndham for the first time in an effort to hone his game and earn a spot in The Barclays, Woods is attempting to win a tournament in his first try for the first time since 1999—when he won the WGC-Cadillac Championship in Spain.

For him, this day was about consistently making pars—15 in all, including a remarkable save on the 10th with a 24-foot putt.

"The putter just felt really good. My pace, I felt like I could be aggressive," Woods said. "I took a few runs at putts and ripped them past the hole, but I never felt like I was going to miss any of them. I took a rip at them. Some I made, some I didn't."

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Toronto	68	55	.553	½
Baltimore	62	60	.508	6
Tampa Bay	62	61	.504	6½
Boston	56	67	.455	12½
Central Division				
Kansas City	74	48	.607	—
Minnesota	62	61	.504	12½
Detroit	59	63	.484	15
Chicago	58	63	.479	15½
Cleveland	57	65	.467	17
West Division				
Houston	68	56	.548	—
Texas	63	59	.516	4
Los Angeles	63	60	.512	4½
Seattle	56	67	.455	11½
Oakland	53	71	.427	15

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	66	56	.541	—
Washington	61	61	.500	5
Atlanta	53	70	.431	13½
Miami	50	73	.407	16½
Philadelphia	49	74	.398	17½
Central Division				
St. Louis	77	45	.631	—
Pittsburgh	73	48	.603	3½
Chicago	70	51	.579	6½
Milwaukee	53	71	.427	25
Cincinnati	51	70	.421	25½
West Division				
Los Angeles	67	55	.549	—
San Francisco	66	57	.537	1½
Arizona	61	61	.500	6
San Diego	61	62	.496	6½
Colorado	49	72	.405	17½

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LEE

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a finals berth in the lower half of the draw after eliminating Vanuatu's Daisy Spiti last Friday, 6-0, 6-0, and outclassing Tahiti's Lea Lamorelle, 6-3, 6-4, last Saturday.

Tan will aim for the division title win today when she duels Guitton, who prevented an all-CNMI finale after booting out former's teammate Malika Miyawaki in the other semis pairing last Saturday, 6-1, 6-1. Miyawaki made it to the semi-finals following a tough 7-5, 7-5 victory against Vanuatu's Rosalie Molballeh last Friday, while Guitton eased past Kiribati's Carolina Mwang, 6-1, 6-0.

In other singles results, Robbie Schorr, Ken Song, and Conatsu Kaga also earned semis berths in their respective divisions.

The fourth-seeded Schorr fell short in his finals bid in the boys U14 singles after dropping a three-set semis game against Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy. Schorr, who entered the semi-finals following a 6-0, 6-1 triumph over Kiribati's Banien Ioera last Friday, took the opening set, 6-2, before Mainguy swept the last two, 7-6 (6), 10-7, to wrap up the more than two hours match.

Mainguy will challenge top-ranked Gillian Osmont in the finals today. The Tahitian player moved into the finals after downing Song in the upper bracket semifinals, 6-1, 6-1. Before losing to Osmont, Song barged into the Final Four after outclassing Vanautu's Marlin Hannam, 6-4, 2-6, 10-8, in their nearly two-hour quarterfinal tiff.

In the girls U12 singles, Conatsu booted out fellow CNMI player Ericka Tuttle in the quarterfinals, 6-0, 6-0, to bag a Final Four ticket in the lower half of the draw. However, the second-ranked Conatsu missed a finals seat after a sorry defeat to third-seeded Saoirse Breen of Fiji in an extended semis match. Breen moved a win away from the finals after beating Conatsu in the opening set, 6-4, but the CNMI bet remained in contention following a victory in the second set in similar scores. In the deciding third set, Breen, who earlier prevented an all-CNMI semis after ousting Coume Kaga, 6-1, 6-4, walked away with a 10-4 triumph to foil Conatsu's bid. Breen will fight the division title against the top-seeded Eleanor Schuster of Samoa, after the latter topped American Samoa's Jireh Warren, 6-2, 6-2, and Tahiti's Meherio Tautu, 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles results

After getting the boot in the singles, the Kaga sisters still have a chance to be crowned champions in Fiji following their finals entry in the girls U12 doubles.

The second-ranked siblings swept Samoa's Leafine Cronin and Warren in the semis, 6-3, 6-4, to arrange a finals showdown against the top-seeded Schuster and Tautu, a 7-6 (2), 7-5 winner over Breen and the Solomon Islands' Zorika Morgan in the other Final Four pairing. The finale will be played today along with the other doubles championship matches in the two other age groups.

The CNMI is also in the girls U14 doubles finale, thanks to the success of Tan and Miyawaki. The Commonwealth duo barged into the finals after a 6-2, 6-2 win over American Samoa's Crystal Christman and Mychealla Miller. Tan and Miyawaki will be paired against the familiar tandem of Guitton and Lamorelle, who knocked off the CNMI's Mimi Sakano and Hanisi Ledua in the other Final Four match, 6-0, 6-0.

In the girls U16, Coffin and Kumar pulled off the biggest upset in the division after eliminating the top-ranked pair of Lee and Rengiil, 6-4, 6-4. The two Fiji players will go for the championship against the Solomon Islands duo of Row and Teally, who advanced to the finals following a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Samoa's Michelle Miller and Saipele.

The finals pairings in the other divisions are as follows: Harley Cronin-Larry Magalasan vs. Reynald Taoroa-Jummah Vigas (boys U16); Jeremi Guines-Osmont vs. Hannam-Mainguy (boys U14); and Vaitea Molinier-Phillip Warren vs. Sam Cribb-Maui Leflon (boys U12).

AMOR

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but was called for a violation at the backcourt as Angelo Fernando took extra steps while trying to avoid a double-team from Chris Arreza and Bart Demapan.

Pasion de Amor regained possession with just eight seconds left in the match. Rey Pestillos did the inbound and passed the leather to Demapan, who then handed the ball to Esdrelon while sealing off the latter's defender from the right key. Esdrelon went on to drive strong to the basket and hit the running jumper to give Pasion de Amor the 1-point cushion, only one second remaining in the match.

Red Rice sued for time and was pressed for a catch-and-shoot play. However, that did not materialize and Pasion de Amor stole the win, as Dan Hernandez's entry pass to Cabanas was too wide with the ball bouncing out of the baseline.

It was a sorry loss for Red Rice as it managed to dominate the game when it resumed at the 8:58 mark of the second half. Red Rice unloaded a 10-0 bomb to claw its way back from a 71-76 deficit and take an 81-76 advantage. Pasion de Amor also fought back, forcing a deadlock twice behind Esdrelon and Demapan's baskets and went on to get its second straight win as Red Rice collapsed in the end.

In the first match, Pasion de Amor nearly wasted a 13-point advantage past the halfway mark of the second half, 67-54, before playing steady in the closing minute to thwart Kidlat.

Kidlat brought the lead down to as low as 4, 67-71, after Roy Hernandez capped a 13-4 run with an and-1 play, with less than a minute left in the match. Kidlat could have moved closer after Pasion de Amor faltered on the other end, however Joel Sevilla also muffed two consecutive shots and later committed an errant pass, returning possession to their opponent. Pasion de Amor this time produced the needed points with Esdrelon feeding Chris Arreza in the paint for a reverse layup, 73-67.

Roy Hernandez tried to keep Kidlat in the game anew, as he nailed a layup, however the 24-second shot clock was down and Pasion de Amor dribbled the time away with Kidlat opting not to commit a foul.

Pasion de Amor 90 – Demapan 29, Esdrelon 23, C. Arreza 19, Pestillos 6, Bautista 5, Darag 3, N. Arreza 3.

Red Rice 89 – Barbo 28, Cabanas 24, Hernandez 12, Anasan 12, Saplan 8, Marilla 5.

Scoring by halves: 58-53, 90-89.

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fine, but some members had their house destroyed. Some are also sleeping in the car because of no power. Cars of some members also sustained big damage. All parents are busy recovering and going to work so Tsunami Saipan kids failed to return to practice after days after the typhoon hit Saipan," the coach added.

Kimura, after meeting Tsunami Saipan swimmers and officials, said they will try to have training sessions five times a week with three devoted to the pool and one each to dry land and ocean swim. Between 60 and 80 swimmers will train this season.

"We may have the irregular training session until November. Everyone is hungry to swim," Kimura added.

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Lee, Tan enter finals in Fiji

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
CNMI coach Jeff Race, right, poses with her female players before their games in the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships last weekend at the Regional Training Center in Lautoka, Fiji.

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Carol Lee and Tania Tan are one win away from giving the CNMI two singles titles in the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.

Lee marched into the finals of the girls U16 singles after sweeping the Solomon Islands' Vinda Teally in the upper bracket semifinals, 6-0, 6-0, last Saturday at the Regional Training Center in Lautoka, Fiji. Last Friday, the top-ranked Lee prevailed against Samoa's Anasis Saipele in the quarterfinals, 6-2, 6-0, to set up a semis date with Teally, a 1-6, 6-3, 6-1 winner versus Fiji's Vienna Kumar in the other Round of 8 pairing in the upper half of the draw.

In the lower half, Lee's fellow CNMI bet Isabel Heras fell to the Solomon Islands' Georjimah Row in the quarterfinals, 1-6, 6-3, while the latter later bowed to Palau's Ayana Rengiil in the semifinals, 6-3, 6-1. Rengiil, who also won over Fiji's Ruby Coffin in the quarterfinals, 6-0, 6-0, collides with Lee, her doubles partner, today for the girls U16 singles championship.

In the girls U14 singles finale, it will be Tan against Tahiti's Naia Guitton in a battle between the division's Top 2 seeds. The second-ranked Tan gained

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Tsunami Saipan to resume training

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Tsunami Saipan swimmers are back to work more than two weeks after training sessions were suspended due to Typhoon Soudelor.

Head coach Hiro Kimura said Tsunami Saipan swimmers (expert class) returned to the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool last Wednesday and cleaned up portions of the Marpi facility in preparation for the resumption of their practice sessions.

"We will have irregular training sessions and we will try our best to set up a new schedule. Tsunami Saipan swimmers must keep practicing despite of what happened when typhoon hit Saipan," Kimura said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

The club coach explained they have to find a way to continue their training session after the pool management earlier announced the facility can't be used for months after it sustained significant damage from Soudelor.

"Their water circulation system was destroyed. It will take a long time to fix it. Our storage was destroyed, too. A lot of our kick boards and many training tools flew away. The pool water was taken out so the people at Marpi can use them," Kimura said.

"All Tsunami Saipan members are

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Tsunami Saipan swimmers pose for a photo after cleaning up the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool last week.

Close wins for Pasion de Amor

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Pasion de Amor pulled off close victories at the resumption of the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League last Saturday at the Navy Hill court.

Pasion de Amor first nailed a 73-69 win in their regular game against Kidlat before escaping with a 90-89 triumph in the continuation of its opener against Red Rice.

Elmer Esdrelon scored 5 straight points in less than 30 seconds to lift Pasion de Amor to a come-from-behind victory against Red Rice and give his team a 2-0 record in the nine-squad league. Before Esdrelon's string of points, Red Rice was poised to notch its first win as it enjoyed a 4-point lead, 89-85, after Michael Cabanas split his charities, 22 seconds remaining on the clock.

Cabanas muffed the second charity and Pasion de Amor controlled the rebound with Esdrelon on the finishing end, hitting a triple from the left key in front of their bench. Red Rice quickly went for the inbound after Esdrelon's big triple,

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Pasion de Amor's Elmer Esdrelon slices through the defense of Kidlat's Manolo Manalo, left, and Justine Zapanta during the first half of their game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging last Saturday at the Navy Hill court.